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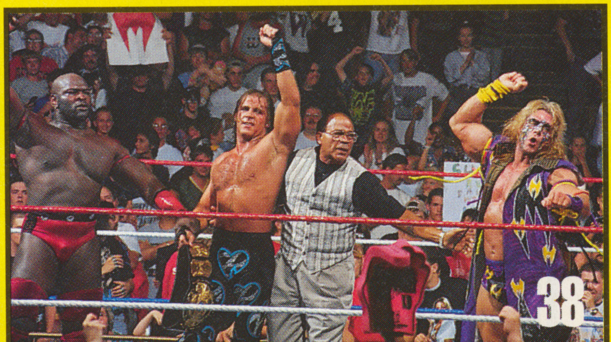

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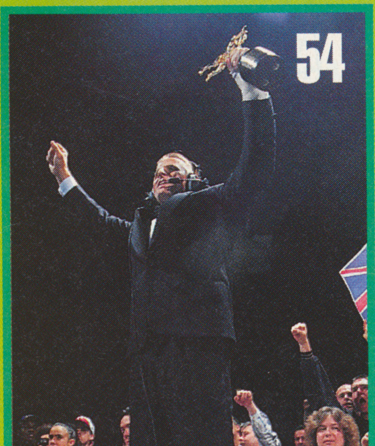

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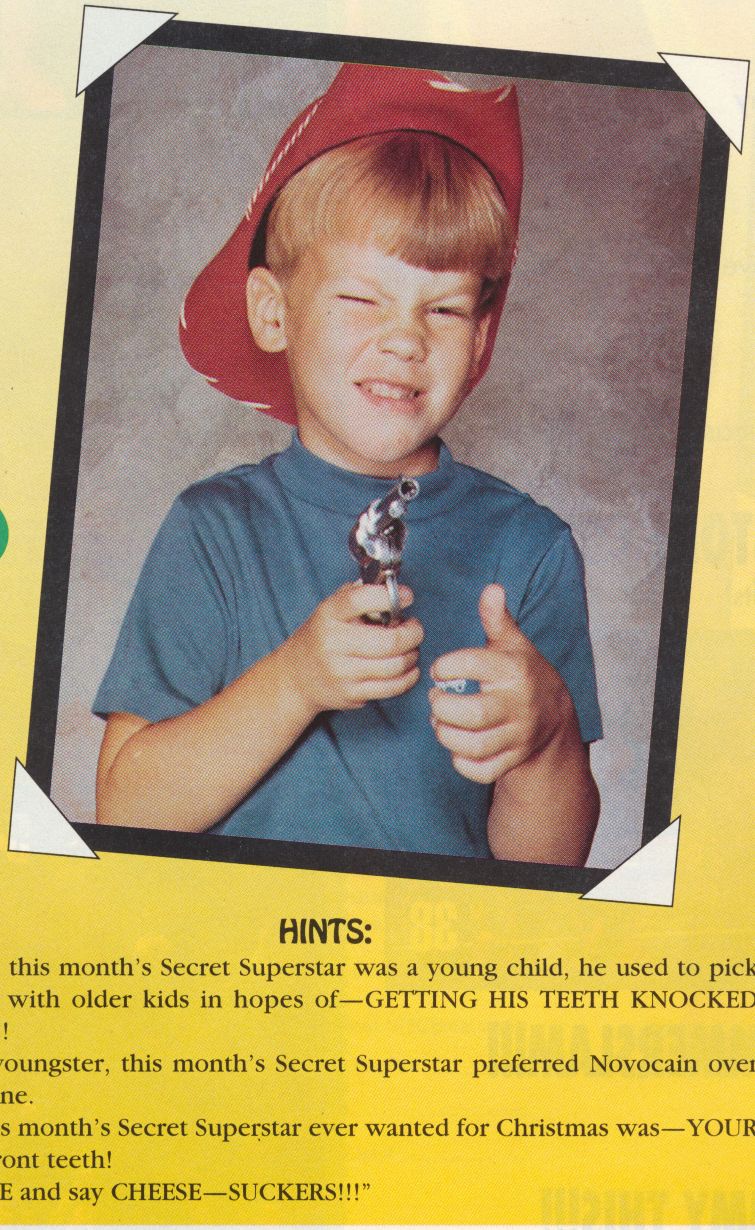

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1. When this month's Secret Superstar was a young child, he used to pick fights with older kids in hopes of—GETTING HIS TEETH KNOCKED OUT!!!
2. As a youngster, this month's Secret Superstar preferred Novocain over Ovaltine.
3. All this month's Secret Superstar ever wanted for Christmas was—YOUR two front teeth!
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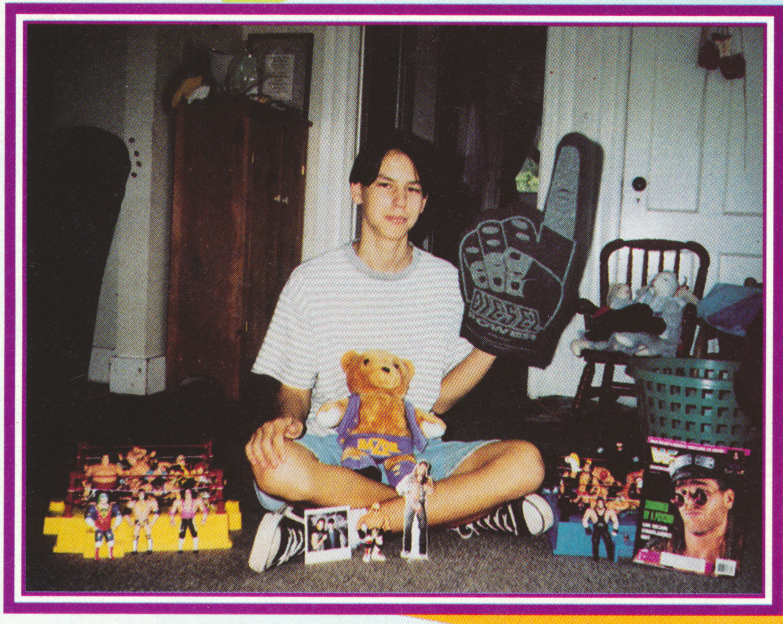
Grade: Fifth
Future Ambition: Teacher
Favorite Federation Superstar: Shawn Michaels
Least Favorite Federation Superstar: Owen Hart
What I like best about the World Wrestling Federation: Seeing the hottest guy ever, Shawn Michaels, in action
If I were president of the World Wrestling Federation, I would: Make Shawn Michaels and me a tag team
What I do when I'm not watching the World Wrestling Federation: Talk to my friends on the phone



Name: Josh Macala
Age: 16
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School: Cochinchaug High School
Grade: Sophomore
Future Ambition: To be a musician
Favorite Federation Superstar: Shawn Michaels, Justin "Hawk" Bradshaw
Least Favorite Federation Superstar: 1-2-3 Kid, Sparky Plugg, Barry Horowitz, Savia Vega and Marty Jannetty
What I like best about the World Wrestling Federation: Live events, especially the Fan Festival
If I were president of the World Wrestling Federation, I would: Have battle royals in a cage and put two superstars in a ladder match other than Shawn Michaels and the washed-up Razor Ramon
What I do when I'm not watching the World Wrestling Federation: Play my guitar and watch my Federation tapes

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CAMP CORNETTE IS CROOKED

Letter

Dear Editor,
Why does Camp Cornette continue to make all these accusations against Shawn Michaels and the World Wrestling Federation? Shawn has battled for many years in the Federation to finally achieve his goal of being the champion! I think he deserves a break! It's clear to everyone that the Bulldog and Cornette were just trying to distract Shawn so they could beat him for the Federation Championship! And that lawsuit Cornette and Mason created was just so they could get President Monsoon to bend to their will. When will Camp Cornette realize they will never be able to beat the Heartbreak Kid?

Eric Melgrove
Wheeling, WV

Dear Eric,
When will James E. Cornette realize a lot of things? When will he realize that red doesn't go with yellow—or green with blue for that matter! When will he realize that TOOTHPASTE is sold on the open market? When will he realize that there is more to food than just HIGH FAT CONTENT? YOU TELL ME... AND THEN WE'LL BOTH KNOW!!!

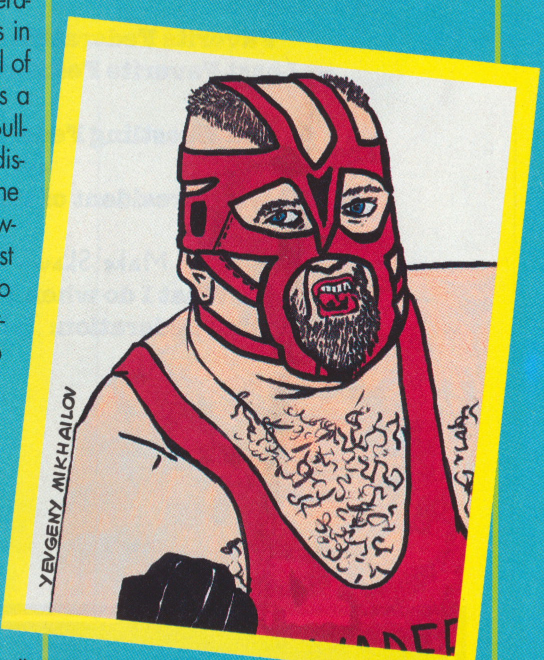
THE EDITOR

THE CLAW OF AIDS???

Letter:

Dear Editor,
I'm really shocked and surprised that the World Wrestling Federation lets Mankind put his Mandible Claw into someone else's mouth! I don't think they should let Mankind do this! Isn't anyone thinking about AIDS? Why does the Federation let him do this? If a wrestler gets AIDS from that, I'm sure he will blame Mankind and Gorilla Monsoon. How could they let this happen when there is such a concern over such a thing?

Kerry Werner
Plumsteadville, PA



Dear Kerry,
With all due respect, Kerry, and I do appreciate your concern, to my knowledge AIDS cannot be passed by putting one's fingers in someone else's mouth. However, that doesn't mean that the Mandible Claw isn't extremely dangerous because there's no doubt that it is!

THE EDITOR

SHOULD DALLAS INTERVIEW THE HEARTBREAK KID?

E-mail:

Dear Editor,
I recently received my July 1996 issue of

ents, and gossip

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your magazine. I thought it was one of the best issues I had read in a LONG time! What perked my interest was the Dallas Hart interview with his father, Bret. I believe a great follow-up to this interview would be to have Dallas now interview Shawn Michaels. This would most likely prove to be a great interview and would also grab the attention of many readers!

Matt DeMasi
ademasi@erols.com

Dear Matt,
I think your idea is an EXCELLENT one! I will look into it, and if all goes well, I will bring you the interview in an upcoming issue! GREAT, GREAT IDEA!

THE EDITOR

AWAITING THE REMATCH

E-mail:

Dear Editor,
I am glad to see that not everyone has forgotten what Bret Hart has achieved in the World Wrestling Federation. Vince Russo was so right about Bret that he brought a tear to my eye. I think that those who designed the Iron Man match ruined what could have been an absolute classic between the two superstars. If they had left it to be a regular time limit match, it could have been the match of the decade. Both men are enriched with talent, but in the match at *WrestleMania XII,* they were more concerned with conserving energy than winning. I await the rematch of these two on equal grounds.

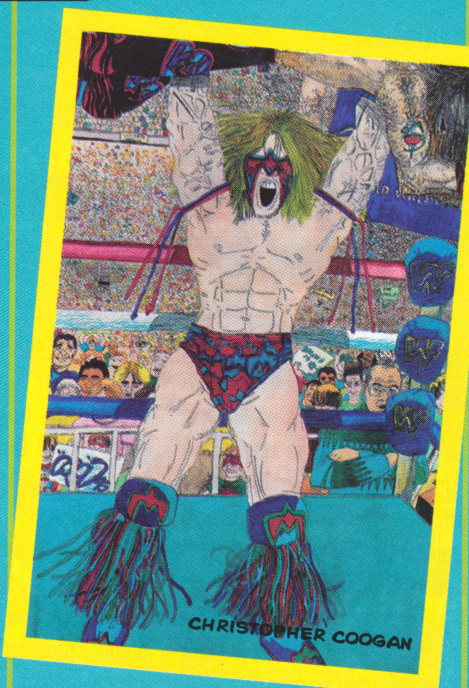
Miss Andrea Keeping
Keeping.A@rdingcol.demon.co.uk

Dear Andrea,
Your insights into the Shawn Michaels/Bert Hart *WrestleMania XII* match are well taken. In the opinion of this editor, this is a score that is far from being settled. These two will tango again—NO DOUBT!

FINALLY, THE WARRIOR SPEAKS!

Fax

Dear Editor,
I must congratulate *World Wrestling Federation Magazine* on getting a long-awaited interview with the Ultimate Warrior! The Warrior has always been an icon in the Federation, but when he disappeared for those years, I wondered where he was. Because of the awesome interview in the July issue, I don't need to wonder anymore! I was happy to see that the editor, Vince Russo, asked all the questions I wanted to hear. What made me even happier was that the Warrior was very honest about where he had been. Also, it was interesting to read about what the Warrior thinks about Vince McMahon. Very few times have I read such a great interview with my favorite superstar.



James Erickson
Dover, MD

Dear James,
Thanks for your kind words. I enjoyed conducting the interview as much as you did reading it. There are several different dimensions to the man we know as Warrior, and I only hope that a few of them came out during that interview!

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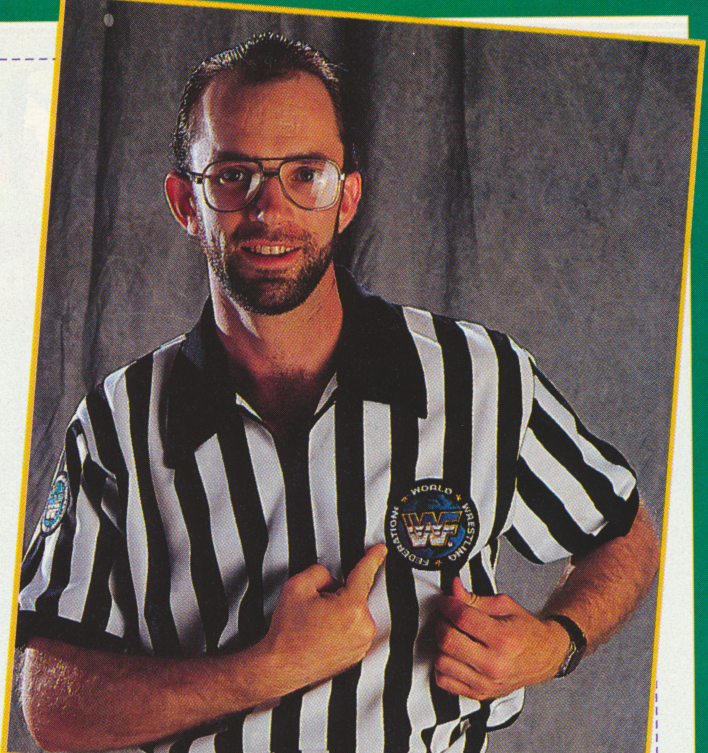

HARVEY WIPPLEMAN

Harvey Wippleman was once a man who lived to shortchange other wrestlers. Jumping to the ring apron or slipping a foreign object to his man was often commonplace in Wippleman's managerial tactics. After years of finding ways to distract the referee and gain the upper hand for his wrestler, isn't it ironic that Wippleman is now the third man in the ring?

After being appointed by President Gorilla Monsoon as the Federation's newest referee, the focus has shifted on the career of Wippleman in the World Wrestling Federation once again. After being the manager of despicable outlaws for many years, the man once referred to as "doctor" has decided to use his rulebreaking knowledge to fight the injustices occurring in the ring.

The Federation career of Harvey Wippleman started back in 1991. Big Sid Justice was looking for a manager to guide him to a title, and Harvey was the perfect choice! On paper and in the ring, the terrible twosome was perfect! After Sid would destroy his challengers, Dr. Wippleman would "caringly" take their pulse!

After Sid, Wippleman went on to an even bigger monster that would ultimately bring the Undertaker to his limit—Kamala! Located in the jungles of Uganda by Wippleman, this headhunter, along with trainer Kimchee, savagely mauled his opponents with his sheer power! Unfortunately, in the long run, Wippleman's plan backfired. It didn't take long before the Grim Reaper put Kamala six feet under—so far under that Wippleman now had to search for another prospect!

Realizing that he would never be able to find another mauler like Sid or Kamala, Wippleman shifted gears and brought in the duo of Well Dunn to conquer the tag team ranks! However, despite the training of Harvey, Timothy Well and Steven Dunn never quite reached their full potential, often losing to more experienced teams like the Bushwhackers.

Disappointed by what he labeled as a "setback," Harvey decided to get involved on a more physical basis. A mean streak soon developed in him. But whom did this 150-pound weakling possibly think he could take down? Answer? Howard Finkel! The Fink was the victim of Harvey's bully-like behavior for months before he finally stood up for himself in a series of Tuxedo Matches against Wippleman.

The chances of becoming a successful warrior in the ranks of the World Wrestling Federation looked bleak for Harvey. Fortunately, that's when LOVE kicked in. Wippleman's last prospect turned out to become his short-lived love muffin—Bertha Faye! Together, Bertha and Harvey looked like Laurel and Hardy, but many of the women wrestlers in the World Wrestling Federation soon found out that these love-birds were a combination you didn't want to mess with! However, once again, things didn't quite turn out Harvey's way. After Big Bertha dropped the Federation Women's Title, she filed for divorce and moved her stuff out of the trailer.

Now, after spending years on the outside of the ring looking in, Wippleman has vowed to make amends for his past by enforcing the rules as a no-nonsense referee! Or... has he? Did Gorilla Monsoon make a good decision in choosing him for the job? After years of rulebreaking, can this man be trusted with the responsibilities of a refereeing position? We'll find out what happens AFTER the bell rings!

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THE BITE

BY VIC VENOM

Let it be Me!!!

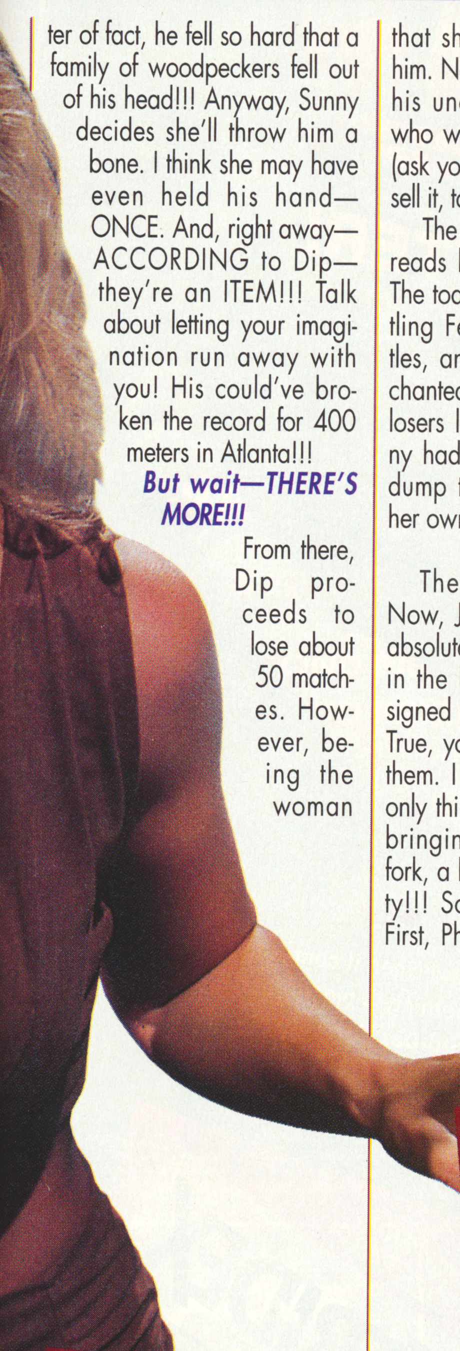
If nobody's gonna run to her aid, then I'm gonna be the one to do it! I'm slippin' in the phone booth, donning the cape and comin' out—SUPER VIC!!!

It makes me just want to toss my Fruit Loops when I think about the way Sunny is being treated by a certain number of individuals here in the World Wrestling Federation! Without mentioning names, Skip and Zip, the Body Donnas and PIG 1&2, the Godwinns, should ALL be arrested for treating a LADY like she was some kind of a low-down, two-bit, YOU KNOW THE WORD!!!

Talk about UNGRATEFUL, these four common criminals are the most unappreciative, self-centered HOOLIGANS (LOOK IT UP!) that my baby blues have ever seen!!!

Let's begin with Dip and Lip, shall we? Now Lip, I don't have that much of a problem with. Aside from being stupid, ugly and overweight—he's not that bad a guy! But, Dip, on the other hand, is a totally different story! You see, "Canary Top" may have pulled the pants over the eyes of WWFBANKS, like you'll read later on in this rag (A Little Ditty About Skip and Sunny), but he ain't fooling ol' Vic one iota!!! I mean, I don't know what Aesop Fable he's living in, but "Nest Head" has it all wrong!

In reality, the story I got was that Dip was a nobody before he met Sunny. He was nothing but a flea in the circus before she decided to give him the time of day! She felt sorry for the poor slob, so out of the goodness of her HUGE heart, she takes the punk under her wing. Then, of course, what only comes naturally occurred—Dip fell in love with the "Goddess of his dreams!" As a mat-



ter of fact, he fell so hard that a family of woodpeckers fell out of his head!!! Anyway, Sunny decides she'll throw him a bone. I think she may have even held his hand—ONCE. And, right away—ACCORDING to Dip—they're an ITEM!!! Talk about letting your imagination run away with you! His could've broken the record for 400 meters in Atlanta!!!

But wait—THERE'S MORE!!!

From there, Dip proceeds to lose about 50 matches. However, being the woman that she is, Sunny sticks with him. Not only that, she brings in his unemployed brother Lip, who was bombing in AMWAY (ask your parents—I'm sure they sell it, too) at the time!

The rest of the story? Well, it reads like freakin' Cinderella. The toads win the World Wrestling Federation Tag Team Titles, and all is well in the Enchanted Forest. That is until the losers lose—AGAIN, and Sunny had no other choice but to dump them, in order to save her own reputation.

Onward.

The cousins Godwinn. Now, Jethro and Arnold had absolutely NOTHING going on in the Federation until Sunny signed them on the dotted line. True, you couldn't really blame them. I mean, at the time, the only thing that Hillbilly Jim was bringing to the table was a fork, a knife and a roll of Bounty!!! So, here we go again. First, Phineas falls in love with his "Ellie Mae," then the Godwinns win the World Wrestling Federation Tag Team Titles, from—I might add—the team who no longer used her services—the Body Donnas. Then, the Pigs lose, and once again, in order to save herself from humiliation, Sunny becomes a free agent.

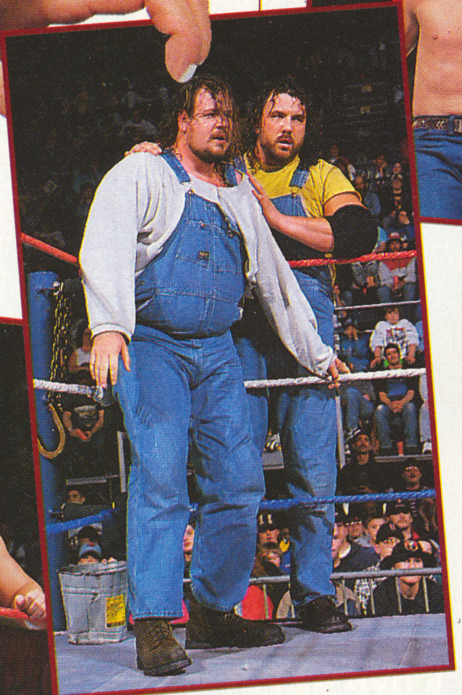
OK, did your little pea brains get all that?

Well, now get all this. In order to show their "APPRECIATION" for all Sunny did for them, the Body Donnas hire a new manager, Kloudi, strictly to HARASS Sunny, while the "Bacon Brothers" corner the helpless mastermind and proceed to SLOP HER!!!

Are you kidding me, OR WHAT?!!! This is how you treat the lady who brought you to the top?! The woman who put gold around all your waists?! The saint who made it possible for you to put food on your table!!! Get Johnny Cochran—THIS IS FIRST DEGREE MURDER!!!

But wait, there's light at the end of the sunset. Thank the "Big Guy Upstairs" for Bart and Billy Gunn... two Texas Longhorns who can really appreciate what a good woman is all about. Two cowboys who will sit her high atop that horse, and let her ride tall in the saddle! Two gunslingers who can really respect and give thanks to a lady! At least there are still some "REAL" men left around here!

Like they say, "Mama, just let your babies grow up to be cowboys!!!



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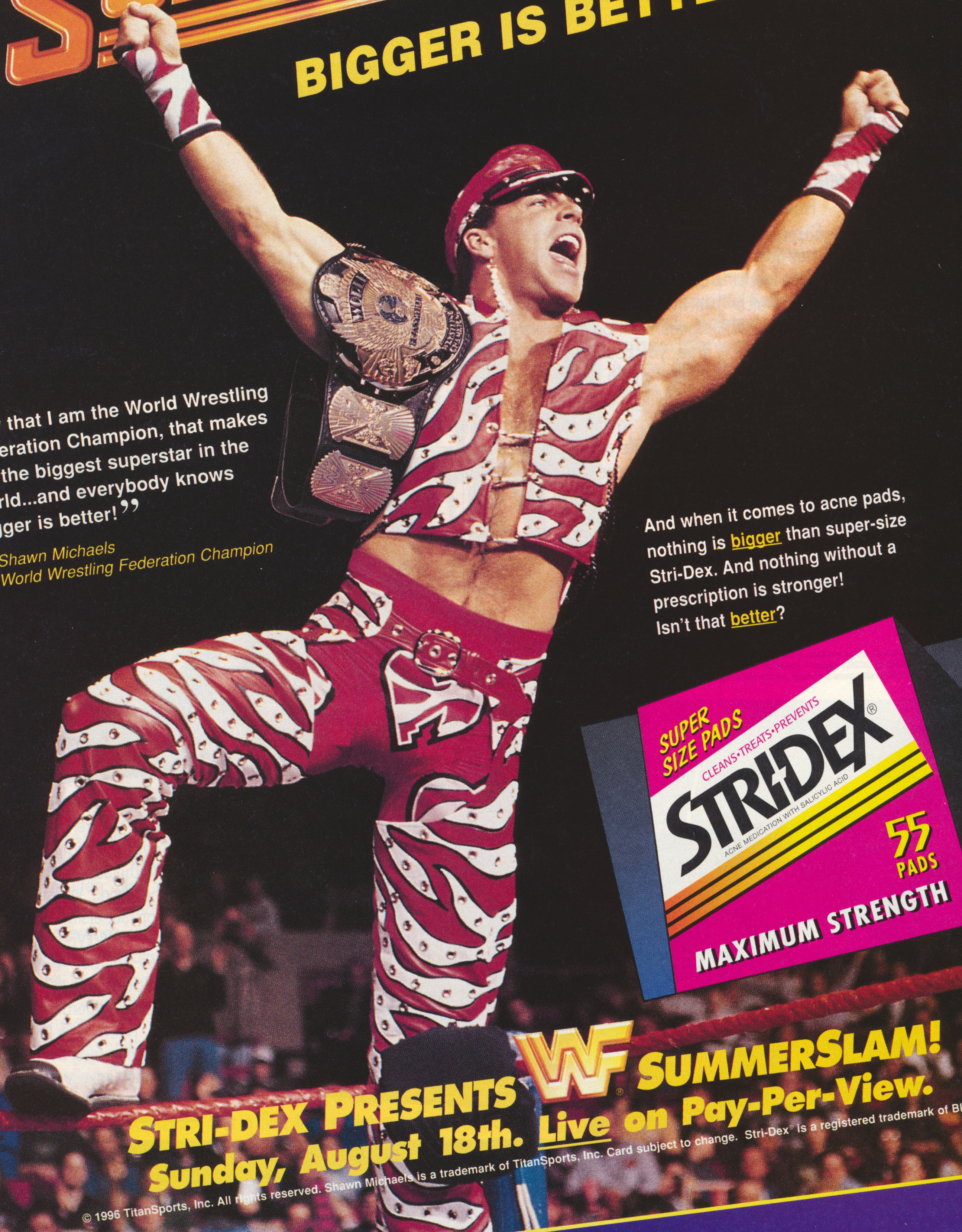

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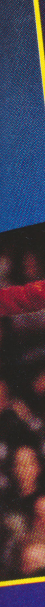

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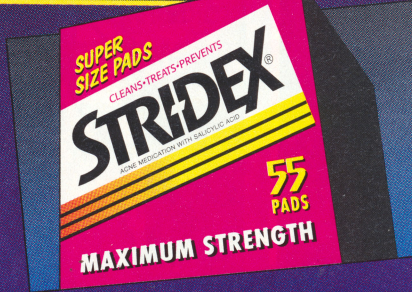

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TALES FROM THE TURNBUCKLE

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HEY, HEY! IT'S THE MONKEES!

The Monkees may be a distant memory to many people who remember the GROOVY music of the '60s, but to New Rocker Leif Cassidy, Monkeemania is riper than ever!

We recently caught up with the last remaining member of the Village People Fan Club, Leif Cassidy, on a trip to the New Rockers' favorite hangout—the Hard Rock Cafe! Wasn't it just a "coinci-dink" that the waitress sat them in a booth bearing an autographed picture of ALL the Monkees!

"I love them all," said an inspired Cassidy. "Not one more than the other! Peter Tork, Davy Jones, Michael Nesmith and Mickey Dolenz were some of my idols growing up! Doesn't anyone listen to Daydream Believer anymore?"

Hey, Leif, maybe you and Marty should BOTH Catch the Last Train to Clarksville!

The More The Merrier

With the action at an all-time pace here in the World Wrestling Federation, six newcomers have decided to make the Federation the site of their new stomping grounds! They may be the new kids on the block, but "hangin' tough" certainly won't be a problem for these fresh faces! Who are these men and what are they here for? Let's take a look:

T.L. (Toilet Lid) HOPPER —This guy TRULY sits on the throne... and not the kind the queen frequents! From Plummerton, Tennessee, Hopper is looking to bring his "un-Southern" hospitality to the squared circle. A plumber he may be, but don't dare call him "John." If you do, he just may "plunge" and "flush" you on his next house call!

THE GOON —In the age where men like Albert Belle, Dennis Rodman and Bryan Cox think nothing of cracking a few heads in their respective sports, it amazes us that hockey actually BANNED The Goon from the ice for FIGHTING! True, even though "almost" everyone fights in hockey, the antics of the Goon were found unacceptable by both referees and league officials. Straight from Duluth, Minnesota, the Goon is looking to put a few "slap shots" on the superstars of the Federation!

ALEX "PUG" PORTEAU —Never quite before has an amateur wrestler made such a splash in the World Wrestling Federation the way "Pug" Porteau has. Even though the kid still has a lot to learn about the professional ranks, what better place for him to take his bumps and bruises than with the best the sport has to offer—the World Wrestling Federation!

SALVATORE SINCERE —There's just something about this guy that no one trusts. Why is he so sincere about everything he says? Maybe because he doesn't really mean it in the first place?! Straight from the streets of Italy, this Don Juan is the most sincere person to come to the World Wrestling Federation since... well, since BROTHER LOVE!!!! Salvatore swears that he loves everyone from the bottom of his pasta eatin' heart... and that he means it sincerely! Suuuure he does!

WHO —No, not the rock band... but this mystery man will certainly smack a few notes of interest into your head if he needs to! Described as being from "who knows where," this newcomer will indeed drive you insane trying to figure out the whos, whats, wheres and whens about him!

FREDDY "JOE" FLOYD —Straight from Bowleggs, Oklahoma, Freddy Joe can't believe that he actually has a chance to make the World Wrestling Federation his home! Fans, babies, old folks—Freddy would be glad to take a picture with ANYONE! This good ol' boy was tired of "just sittin' around watchin' the weeds grow at home," so he figured "what's wrong with tryin' out them there bright lights, big city for a while?"

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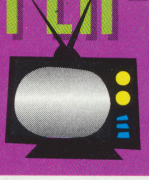

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Quote of the Month

> **"I stated earlier that I'm here to commentate and give my expertise. I have no business getting involved in any match—AND I WON'T! As long as nobody bothers me—I won't bother anybody! I'm sitting right here in my seat and giving my expertise!"**

—Owen Hart moments before attacking Shawn Michaels at King of the Ring

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You Don't Say

Not only is Brian Pillman a "Time Bomb" when it comes to the ranks of the World Wrestling Federation, but he was also known to cause quite a stir on the gridiron prior to lacing up the boots! After getting out of college, Pillman played two seasons for the Cincinnati Bengals of the NFL.

ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT TOUR DATES

August

18th–Cleveland, OH
(SummerSlam)
19th–Wheeling, WV
(Monday Night RAW)
20th–Columbus, OH
21st–Toledo, OH
22nd–Chatham, ONT
23rd–Niagara Falls, NY
24th–Toronto, ONT
25th–Nassau Coliseum, NY

September

5th–Austin, TX
6th–Houston, TX
7th–Dallas, TX
8th–Oklahoma City, OK
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12th–Miami, FL
13th–Huntington, WV
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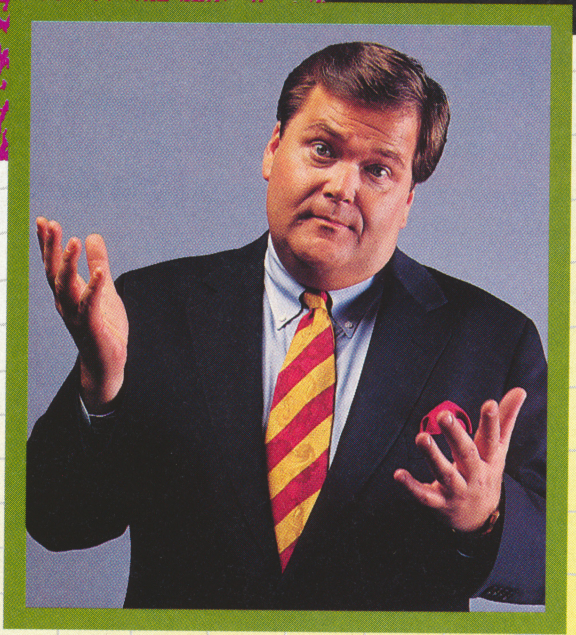

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT REPORTER:
JIM ROSS

To be quite honest with you, I don't know why Mankind has this fascination with me, folks. I interview him just like I would interview any other World Wrestling Federation superstar. Nothing different, honest. No favoritism—nothing. But yet, when he has something to say, the only one he'll talk to is me. You figure.

Anyway, at the request of the editor, I was given the assignment to get the latest word from Mankind. Of course, Mankind elected to have the interview conducted in the dampest, darkest, dingiest cellar that he could find, but as a journalist, my job isn't to pick pretty settings—it's to get the answers.

So, here goes:

ROSS: Hello, Mankind.

MANKIND: Jimmy, is that you?

ROSS: Um, yes it is, Mankind. I'm here for that interview.

MANKIND: Jimmy, are you having a nice day?

ROSS: Yes, I am.

MANKIND: It's a beautiful day, isn't it? I can even hear the bird singing all the way down here in the bowels of the earth. Can you hear it too, Jimmy?

ROSS: Yes, I can. But let's get to the matter at hand—the interview. Now, Mankind, details have been extremely sketchy concerning your childhood at this point. Would you care to take the time to elaborate more on your upbringing?

MANKIND: I have very vivid memories of my childhood, Jimmy. I usually don't talk about my childhood very much, but I look in your eyes, and I know I can trust you... to keep my secrets. I don't think my childhood was deprived. I remember beautiful music and lots of visitors. The truth was that I could not be controlled, and what Mommy did was for my own good. Isolation is a good thing. And now that I'm out and I see how terrible a place the world is, I realize that Mommy was just trying to protect me. But there's only so much that a mother's love can do, and now it's Mankind's time to end the suffering.

ROSS: Well, Mankind, can you be more specific? What exactly did Mommy do?

MANKIND: She displayed a mother's love. It's the strongest bond that there is between a mother and a son. And I have to believe that somewhere she's very proud of her little boy.

ROSS: Well... um... OK. Now, Mankind, in the past you have spoken about the beautiful music and the piano. Exactly what significance have the two had on your life?

MANKIND: Do you like the

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music they play after I made my opponent suffer, Jimmy?

ROSS: Well, it's not exactly my cup of tea, but it is rather soothing to the ear.

MANKIND: I wrote that music, Jimmy. I was 10 years old when I wrote that piece of music. Ten years old when I played it for the first time. And I looked out in the audience, and I saw a tear running down my mother's face. I don't think I'd ever seen her looking more beautiful. The next day I took a hammer and broke every finger on my hand... save two. I remember my mother's face when she walked in and saw my flesh hanging from my bones, knowing that I would never touch the ivories again. I never saw a look quite so horrible. To tell you the truth, Jimmy, I'm not sure which look I enjoyed more.

ROSS: Well, heck, why

did you save two fingers? Why didn't you just go all the way?

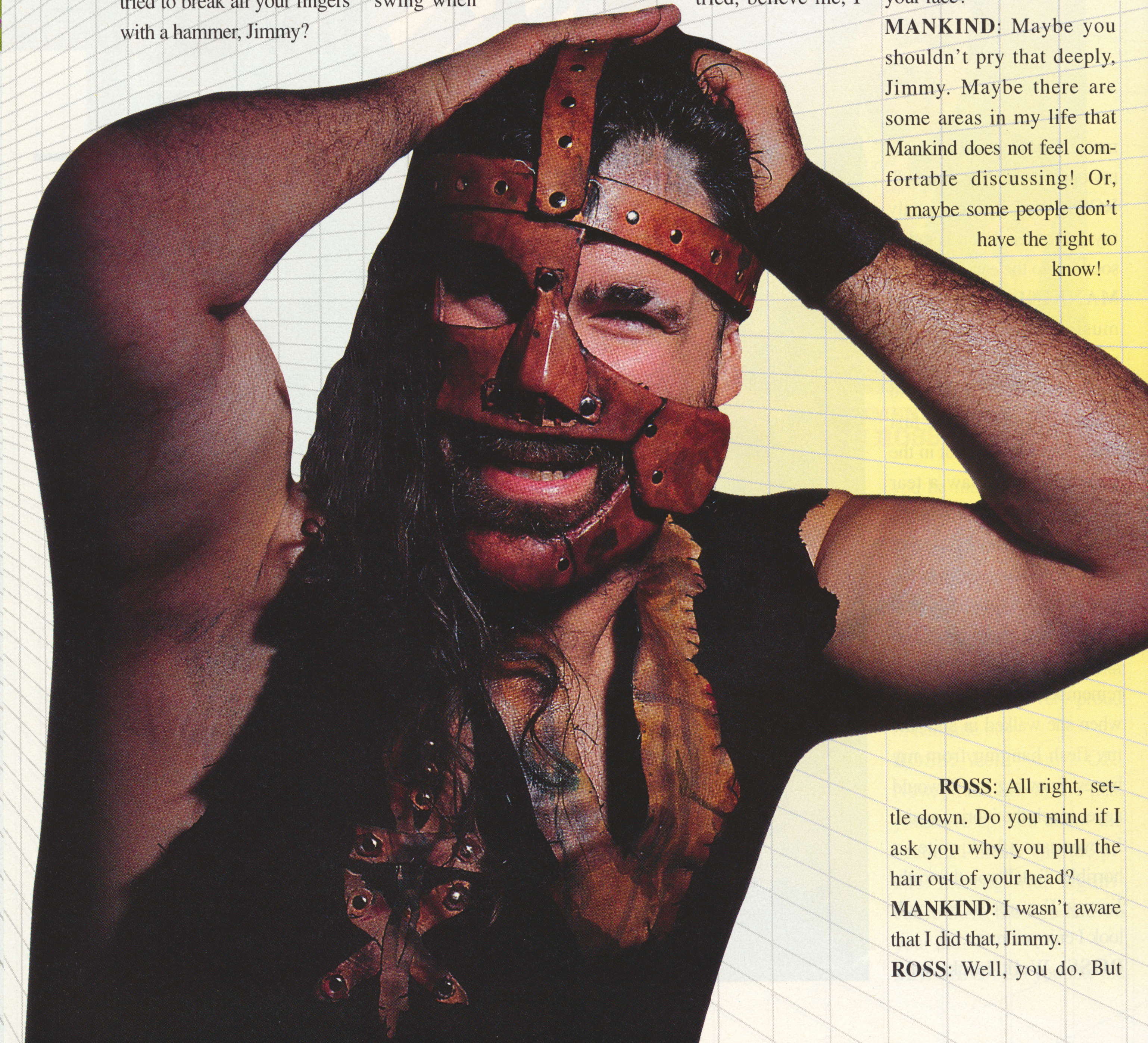
MANKIND: Have you ever tried to break all your fingers with a hammer, Jimmy?

ROSS: No, no, I can't say that I have.

MANKIND: After a while it becomes very difficult to swing when all the fingers are broken. So, there came a time when it was just physically impossible to break all 10 fingers. I tried, believe me, I tried. I even had the hammer in my mouth!

ROSS: Did you use that very same hammer to disfigure your face?

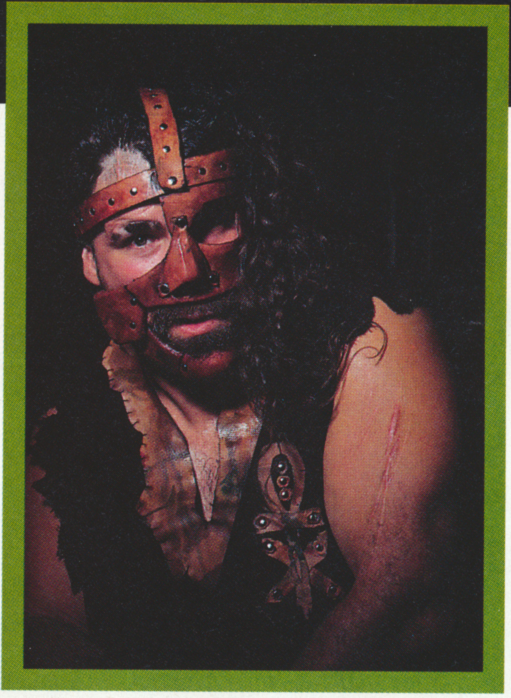
MANKIND: Maybe you shouldn't pry that deeply, Jimmy. Maybe there are some areas in my life that Mankind does not feel comfortable discussing! Or, maybe some people don't have the right to know!



ROSS: All right, settle down. Do you mind if I ask you why you pull the hair out of your head?

MANKIND: I wasn't aware that I did that, Jimmy.

ROSS: Well, you do. But



anyway, let me ask you this: Do you consider yourself SANE and others INSANE?

MANKIND: Well, sure.

ROSS: In other words, Mankind is... NORMAL?

MANKIND: In other words, most people drifting throughout the world that I see have no goals at all in mind. They have no plan. Mankind has a master plan that has yet to be revealed, and believe me, the Undertaker is just step one. I'm as sane as they come. It's all the rest of the people that need to wake up and realize that they must be accountable for their own lives!

ROSS: Why did you choose the Undertaker as step one?

MANKIND: Jimmy, what I don't understand is why these people can't understand that Mankind is doing the Undertaker a favor. The Undertaker has become weak... soft. Mankind needs to toughen up the Undertaker before I destroy him. It does me absolutely no good to destroy a weak-willed Undertaker. Remember this, Jimmy—in every act that I have ever committed against the Undertaker, I have let him go because of my own mercy and my own love. Now, there will come a day when that mercy and love cease to exist, but until that time I need the Undertaker to be as powerful as he's ever been. To be meaner than he's ever been. To be stronger than he's ever been... and he's not quite there yet!

ROSS: Mankind, will there ever come a point in time when you will be at peace with yourself?

MANKIND: To tell you the truth, I feel kind of foolish, Jimmy, coming into the World Wrestling Federation sulking and whining. I never knew what truly made me happy, and the truth is... suffering makes me happy. Not my own because I've had enough of that, but the Undertaker's. Until I felt his form grow weak beneath my grasp, I never knew what ecstasy was. I have a feeling that if I hurt enough people and prove myself, then I will be at peace with myself, and nobody will ever have to run in fear from Mankind again.

ROSS: But, Mankind, when does all the hurting stop?

MANKIND: I'm not sure, because I enjoy it so. It will stop when Mankind stops, and that is the only thing that you have in your favor, Jimmy. That it is my destiny to destroy myself. It is all of mankind's destiny to destroy ourselves!

ROSS: Well, Mankind, I'm sorry you feel that way.

MANKIND: Jimmy, there's just one more thing.

ROSS: And what's that, Mankind?

MANKIND: Have a nice day.

ROSS: Thank you. You have a nice day too.

A Little Ditty About Skip & Sunny

BY BILL BANKS

They were just two innocent kids in high school—one was just breaking into professional wrestling, while the other was a cheerleader for the football team. They fell in love and started dating, each one standing by the other in times of need. The future was wide open for both of them. Sounds like the classic American love story? Maybe so, but not every love story has a happy ending.

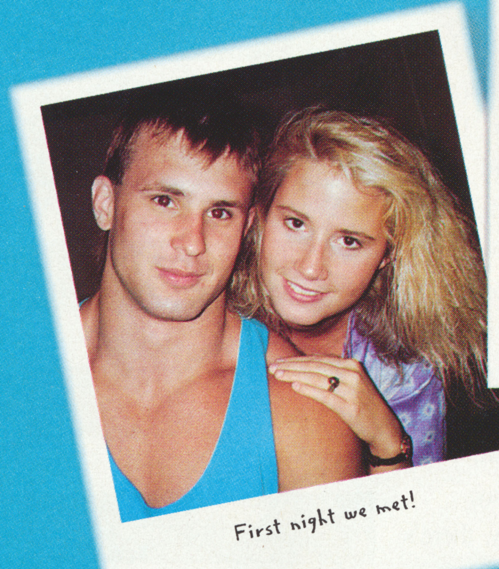
The year was 1990. On June 2, two worlds collided when Sunny and Skip met for the first time. The attraction was obvious for Skip—a beautiful cheerleader with a great personality. It was like a dream come true for him. Love at first sight? Maybe. But what developed out of this first glance would become something much more than anyone could ever imagine—even Skip.

"I had just started professional wrestling, and we happened to have a show at her high school that day," Skip said. "She was coming home on the bus from a football game when I first met her after the show. She didn't even know I was one of the wrestlers."

In time, Skip and Sunny would become much more than high school sweethearts. From the very beginning they devoted much of their lives to one another. Skip had to endure starting out in the wrestling business, sometimes traveling more than 600 miles for only $30—and through it all, Sunny was by his side. During all the money shortages, bad motel rooms, rowdy fans and cheap food, she was there, helping and supporting him in whatever way she could. Or was she?

"She was always there to help me with my progress," Skip said. "She would take pictures, videotape me, whatever needed to be done. But then everything started to change."

Slowly, weeks and months passed



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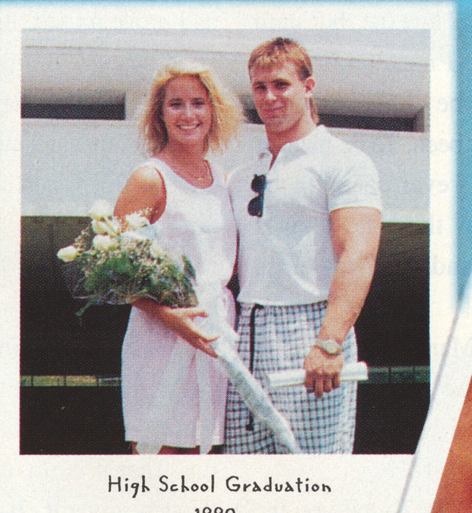
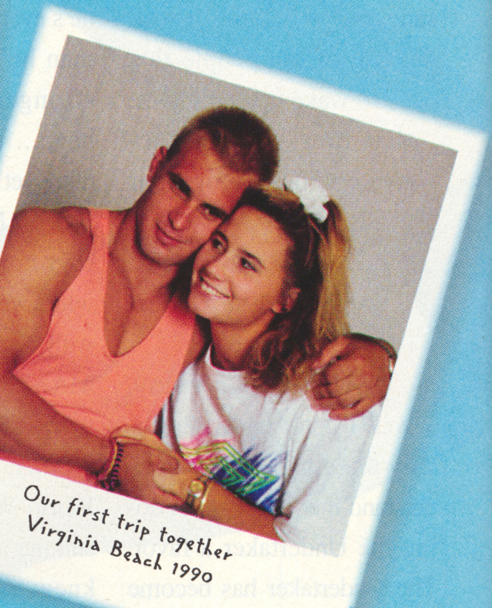
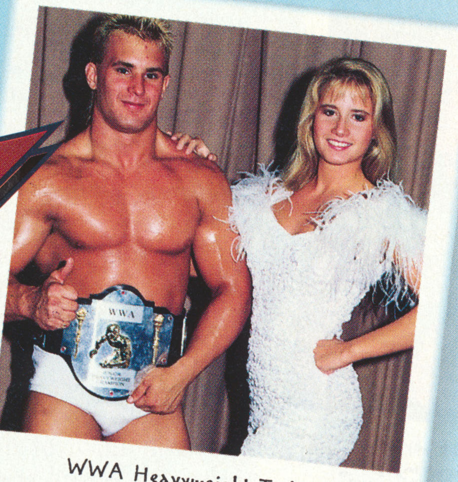


High School Graduation
1990



Our first trip together
Virginia Beach 1990



WWA Heavyweight Title
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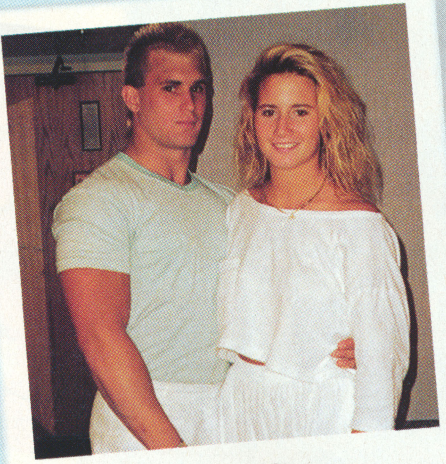

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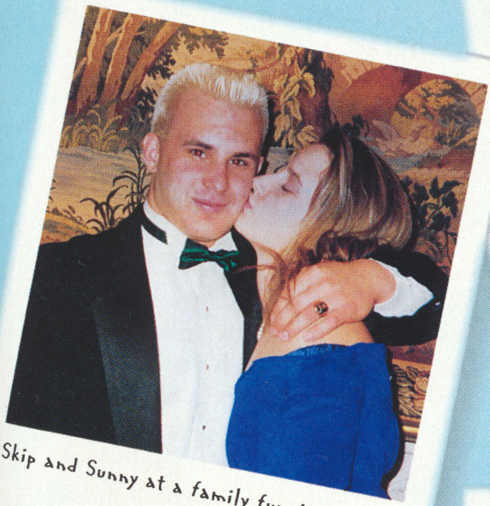
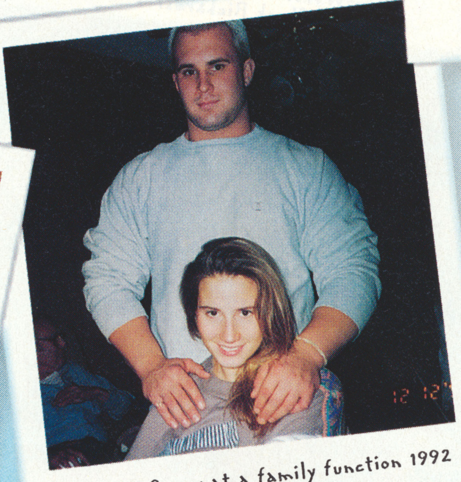
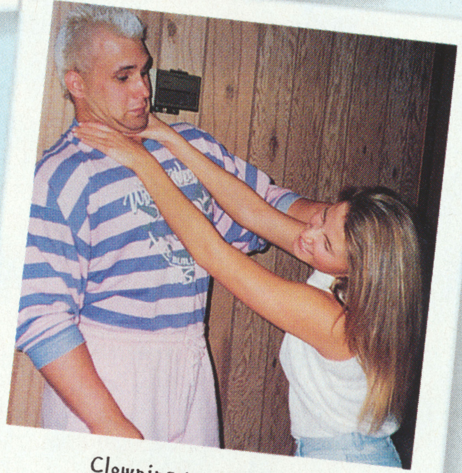


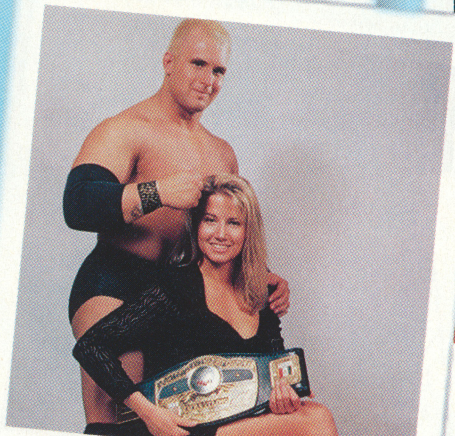
Skip and Sunny at a family function 1992



Skip and Sunny at a family function 1992



Clowning around at home
1993



NWA Title
1994

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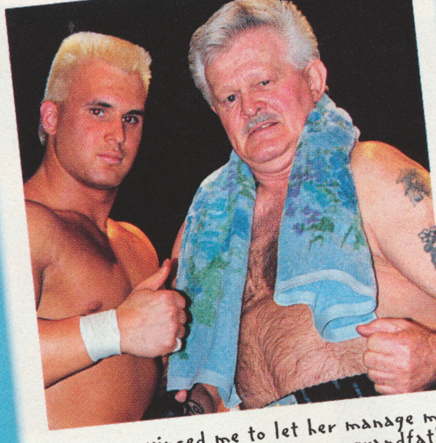
On vacation for our 6th anniversary in Cancun



Sunny convinced me to let her manage me and give up my old manager—my grandfather (ex-WWWF Wrestler "Popeye" Chuck Richards)

when the two would be on the road for days at a time. Looking into her eyes, Skip could see that perhaps Sunny wanted to be more than just his photo girl. After dinner one night, Sunny brought up the idea that "maybe she could be his manager in an effort learn more about the business." Now, looking back, this was her first attempt at planting the seed for her success.

Without hesitation, Skip taught her everything he knew about the business. He wanted the best for her, and looking deep into those dark brown eyes only made him love her more. Everywhere the two went, Skip convinced promoters to give her a shot. From small town venues to bigger and better promotions came more fame and prestige for the pair. Skip was now happy—he had a blossoming career in the ring and a future that included his only love. Sunny was also happy, but something didn't seem the same about her to Skip. That something was the change slowly growing inside her like a flickering flame.

Then came the big break they had been waiting years for. Seen as the promised land for every wrestler struggling in the business, Skip and Sunny finally made it to the World Wrestling Federation! Skip had accomplished a dream—Sunny would soon accomplish a lot more.

"It wasn't until we came to the Federation that things started to change," Skip said. "She started to care about the magazines and all the extra press. She had to be the captain of the team. I was just happy to be a wrestler."

Known as the Body Donnas, Skip and Sunny began making a name for themselves while working small towns. Then, in a short period of time they began to slowly, but surely rise up in the ranks. Unfortunately, Skip's ego also began to balloon a tad. He started to believe that no one could stop him.

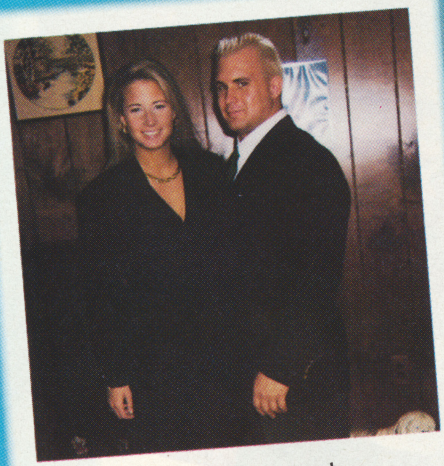
How quickly that balloon was popped!

In every sport there is a journeyman who spends his entire life waiting for the moment to grasp the upset win—an underdog if you will. One night in the ring, Skip met that journeyman. His name was Barry Horowitz.

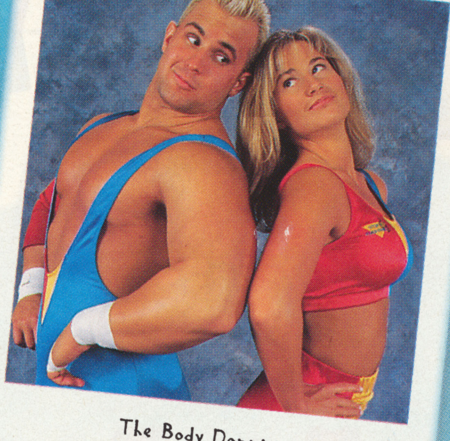
For much of the match, Skip was in control as usual. But once a Body Donna, always a Body Donna! Skip and Sunny started to concentrate more on jumping jacks than beating Horowitz—and that opened up the opportunity for an upset. After the man now known as "Mr. Underdog" pinned Skip, Sunny was outraged. Her reputation was now tarnished, and it wouldn't easily be mended.

"I'll admit I was a little overconfident before the Horowitz match," Skip said. "It was after the loss that it seemed Sunny was embarrassed about what happened."

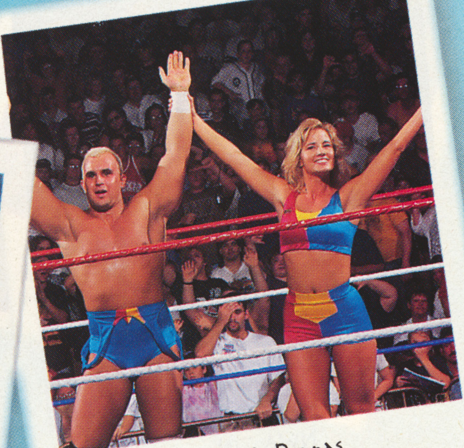
But like the calmness of the eye of a hurricane, things seemed to get better for a brief period of time between the former couple. Sunny, determined to put the



At home on our way to first meeting with Vince McMahon



The Body Donnas



The Body Donnas 1995

Horowitz situation behind her, brought in Skip's brother Zip in order for the Body Donnas to now to compete in the tag team ranks. After only a few workouts as a team, these two blond bombers rocketed to the finals of the Tag Team Championship tournament at the Free-For-All before WrestleMania XII and captured Federation gold by beating P.I.G. and H.O.G., the Godwinns.

However, in the days and weeks following the victory, Skip saw something in Sunny that he had never seen before—she was taking credit for everything they did. When they walked out to the ring, Sunny had to be in front, carrying the gold. When they beat a team in the ring, Sunny had to grab the microphone and declare how HER Body Donnas were great and how SHE was the best thing on the team. Fame and glamour had changed Sunny. A mountain of T-shirts, magazine layouts and CD-roms were showered down on her. She even became the No.1 downloaded celebrity on America OnLine! It was all available for the taking. No longer did she seem like the young girl who stood by Skip's side in every small town they went to. The cheerleader was now looking to take center stage.

With the Federation Tag Team Title came money. And with money came the power and the influence for the Golden-Haired Fox. No matter what situation might arise concerning her team, Sunny made plans to ensure she would always have the taste of success fresh in her mouth. No longer was Skip the priority; the main objective for Sunny was now to satisfy her own needs.

The beginning of the end for Skip and Sunny occurred at Madison Square Garden in May—the Donnas were set to defend the Federation gold against the Godwinns that night. Before the match and without the knowledge of Skip, Sunny tricked Phineas into handing over his managerial rights to her. What did this mean? In the end, it would assure Sunny that she would manage the Tag Team Champions no matter what the outcome of the match was. Skip and Zip did lose the title that night, and at the sound of the 1-2-3, Sunny dumped them as if they never existed.

So Sunny was now with the Godwinns, right? WRONG! At the very next In Your House, she once again showed how heartless she was by proving to be in cahoots with the Smoking Gunns. It was deja vu! Just like the plan she hatched at Madison Square Garden, Sunny set herself up yet again to be parading around with the tag team gold no matter who the winner of the Godwinns-Gunns match would be. Billy and Bart walked out of the ring the Federation champs that night, and Sunny was the proudest cowgirl in all of Texas! Three teams in less than three weeks!

In the shadows stood Skip, watching it all from a distance, wondering what was going on with his life's love. The final heartbreak for Skip came at the next night on a live Raw. Sunny came out with Billy and Bart when they faced the Donnas. Skip couldn't believe what he was seeing. His whole life and the love he gave to Sunny were destroyed.

"We haven't talked since that Raw match," Skip said. "Zip tried to smarten me up, but I was blinded by love. I still haven't taken down the pictures of us together. Maybe once I can get back in the ring, the feelings will go away."

Trying to get over Sunny is the first step Skip must take in order to regain the success he once held—but there clearly will always be a void in his life from now on. Even though he may not admit it, many of his opponents have told us that during a match Skip will still glance over to an empty corner, expecting someone to be there who is not.

Sadly, Sunny could come back to Skip if it benefits her. What could stop her from dumping the Gunns the way she did the Donnas and the Godwinns? Nothing! What would Skip do if Sunny tried to come back to him? It would certainly be a rough situation, but how could he turn down the woman he loved his entire life? What changed the high school cheerleader who stuck by her man? Was it the fame, the power, maybe the money? Bright lights and the big city have changed Sunny, but Skip will most likely never give up thinking about her.

"I'm still hoping in the back of my mind that this is all one of her plans too," Skip said. "And in the end, we'll all be back together again. It still hurts."

Oh, yeah, life goes on... WF

IT'S ALL IN

In this era of sports-entertainment, never has the "finishing move" been so vital and important to a superstar's repertoire than it is today. With the much-improved athletic ability of the combatants over the past five years, it's become more and more difficult to put your opponent away. That's why in today's squared circle wars a lethal finishing move is a MUST! Like any great baseball team that has a reliever who can "save the day," many superstars must rely on a "closer" to put their adversaries away.

So, of today's superstars, who has the best "closer"? Even though the answer to that question can be answered by opinion only, I—the "head honcho"—and my three crack writers have all stated our cases as to what finishing move is the most devastating in today's game.

The scoring goes as follows:

1 point ....5th place
2 points ......4th place
3 points ......3rd place
4 points ......2nd place
5 points ......1st place

By Vince Russo

5. DDT
4. SHARPSHOOTER
3. TOMBSTONE
2. PEARL RIVER PLUNGE
1. PEDIGREE

DDT

There is no question in ANYBODY'S mind that during the prime of his career, JAKE "THE SNAKE" ROBERTS' DDT was the most feared—and devastating—finishing move in the wrestling business. When Jake secured his arm around your neck, slapped you on the back and crashed your cranium down into the canvas, you just weren't gettin' up! However, today, some 10 years later, Jake has lost a lot of zip on the DDT. Even though when he does clamp it on, the end result today is still "Good night, Irene," the problem is—CLAMPING IT ON! Being that Mother Nature has caused Jake to lose a "little in his slither," many opponents are able to escape the DDT before Jake has the opportunity to cinch it in!

SHARPSHOOTER

For years, BRET HART has utilized the SHARPSHOOTER as the lethal "closer" in finishing his opponents. The move that he mastered so many years ago in "Stu's Dungeon" is still as dangerous today as it was back then. Only problem—the opponents have changed. In the day of the "giants," Bret was able to apply the Sharpshooter and force his opponents to submit 95 percent of the time. In the late '80s to early '90s, many of the wrestlers from the "monster era" didn't have the resilience or stamina to be able to stay in the hold for the long haul. Add to that the fact that many were just too physically BIG to have the ability to make it over to the ropes in order to kill the count! Today, in the New Generation that has all changed. Bret's opponents are now much quicker, more athletic and much more seasoned. Case in point—WrestleMania XII. Bret lost his belt simply because Shawn Michaels was able to overcome the Sharpshooter—AT LEAST until he was saved by the bell.

TOMBSTONE

Many have "rested in peace" before, and you can bet your ASH that many will "rest in peace" again, but—IN MY OPINION—the UNDERTAKER's deadly TOMBSTONE IS NOT the most dangerous finishing move in the ring today. Why? Simple. The Undertaker doesn't depend on it as often as fans think he does. In my recollection, we have NEVER seen the Undertaker bury a heavier opponent with it. So, the question is: Can he? True, with the GOOZLE (the Taker's choke slam) as his back-up finisher, the Reaper doesn't need to, but again... CAN HE if he indeed needed to? Could he rely on the Tombstone against the likes of a "Man Called Vader?"

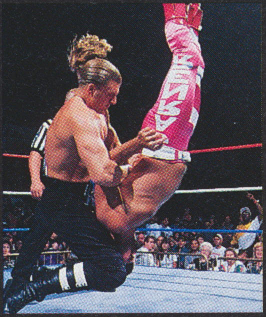
PEARL RIVER PLUNGE

Coming in second has got to be AHMED JOHNSON'S PEARL RIVER PLUNGE. Once "Mississippi's Favorite Son" is through manhandling his opponent and nonchalantly spiking him on the small of his back, he's FINISHED!!! OVER!!! DONE!!! And, you know what? I don't care who the victim is! Vader, Yoko, Free Willy—DOESN'T MATTER! So then, why isn't it ranked as numero uno, you ask? Because Ahmed doesn't need it! Usually his opponents are devastated long before Ahmed whirls, curls, then hurls them! IN MY OPINION, the most dangerous type of finishing move is the one that an opponent can pull from out of his "TAIL" (see definition later)—regardless of how much trouble he's in—TO END THE MATCH! In shifting through my memory, AHMED JOHNSON HAS NEVER BEEN IN TROUBLE!!!

PEDIGREE

Therefore, "TAILS DOWN"—as in tuxedo; do you get it now?) —the most DEVASTATING finishing move in the wrestling business today is HUNTER HEARST-HELMSLEY'S

THE FINISH!



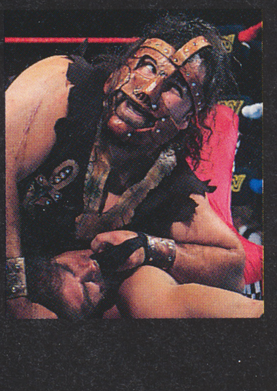
PEDIGREE! Being an athlete of standard size, time and time again we have seen many opponents take Hunter to the max. As a matter of fact, we have even witnessed him being beaten on several occasions. When the odds are stacked against Helmsley, he methodically, strategically and at times DESPERATELY reaches for his ace in the hole—the Pedigree. IN MY OPINION, he successfully utilizes it better than any other superstar utilizes his main weapon. AND the move itself is quite impressive, I might add. If you viciously drop ANYBODY on their face, they just ain't gonna come up lookin' OR feelin' pretty!!!

By Keith Elliot Greenberg

5. MANDIBLE CLAW
4. PEARL RIVER PLUNGE
3. THE SIDEWINDER
2. SHARPSHOOTER
1. TOMBSTONE

MANDIBLE CLAW

This is the most bizarre maneuver fans of the World Wrestling Federation have ever witnessed. But it also is incredibly effective. When MANKIND disables a man with this unusual move—jamming the fingers into a wrestler's throat—the victim is as impaired by shock as pain. Most finishers in the sport of kings can be learned and applied by a competitor with the right combination of strength, timing and skill. But Mankind is the only wrestler demented enough to master the MANDIBLE CLAW.



PEARL RIVER PLUNGE

The "power bomb" in one form or another has been a reliable finisher for a variety of mighty gladiators, most notably Psycho Sid and former World Wrestling Federation Champion Diesel. But neither man could apply the maneuver with the authority of powerhouse AHMED JOHNSON. Johnson's variation of the move, the PEARL RIVER PLUNGE, is a showcase for his superhuman strength. But it's Ahmed's drive and spirit that truly make the Pearl River Plunge a finisher for the ages.

THE SIDEWINDER

BILLY AND BART GUNN make their finisher seem so simple that fans barely realize the high level of ring mastery required to make the SIDEWINDER work. Part of the reason the Smoking Gunns are graceful at applying the maneuver is biological: Billy and Bart are brothers and, thus, share the same instincts. When the Gunns recently captured the World Wrestling Federation Tag Team Belts, much credit was bestowed on their new manager Sunny. But had it not been for their use of the Sidewinder throughout their career, the Gunns would have never been in the No. 1 contenders position to begin with.

SHARPSHOOTER

If BRET "HIT MAN" HART is the "Excellence of Execution," his celebrated SHARPSHOOTER helped propel him into that position. Like Ahmed Johnson, Hit Man did not invent his finisher but has used it with a flourish never before seen in the squared circle. The Sharpshooter—a half-Boston crab taken to the dynamic extreme—is largely responsible for Bret's three World Wrestling Federation Championship reigns, a fact not lost on the Hit Man's jealous younger brother Owen, who has achieved his own success by mimicking the move.

TOMBSTONE

No maneuver has ever seemed as perilous, as frightening and as terminal as the UNDERTAKER'S lethal variation of the pile driver, the TOMBSTONE. Fueled by the forces contained in the funeral urn carried to ringside by his manager, Paul Bearer, the Undertaker has only one aim in mind when he turns a man upside-down and prepares to administer the finisher: thrusting his adversary's head into the mat and leading him one step closer to the Dark Side. The Tombstone has played a large part in transforming the Undertaker into a legend—and his opponents into fodder for the mortician.

By Lou Gianfriddo

5. VADER BOMB
4. LARIAT
3. SHARPSHOOTER
2. TOMBSTONE
1. DDT

VADER BOMB

This maneuver, the VADER BOMB, is without a doubt the most destructive of its kind. Many athletes, most of them over the 400-pound mark, have executed this move. None have done so with the ferocity and the destructiveness of the Man they call VADER.

LARIAT

Former Federation legend Stan Hansen, a mean hombre from Texas, perfected the LARIAT. It was one of the most feared and outlawed moves in Federation history. Times have changed, and so has the potency of this move, which has become the trademark of the massive JUSTIN "HAWK" BRADSHAW.

SHARPSHOOTER

Without question, the SHARPSHOOTER is the best submission hold in the history of the World Wrestling Federation, putting to shame every leglock or maneuver ever devised, and no one executes it with the same technique or effectiveness as BRET "HIT MAN" HART, the "best there is, the best there was and the best (indeed) there ever will be."

TOMBSTONE

This reverse pile driver, the TOMBSTONE, is, in a word, lethal. Anyone who falls victim to the UNDERTAKER'S finishing move is rendered finished, sometimes—and I'm talking careers here—deceased. Just look who isn't competing in the Federation anymore as a direct result of the Undertaker's Tombstone.

DDT

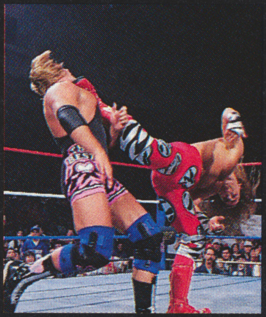
In my opinion, and after 10 years of observation, I must say that—beyond a shadow of doubt—the best finishing maneuver in the Federation belongs to JAKE "THE SNAKE" ROBERTS. He calls it the DDT, and it—like the Tombstone and the Sharpshooter—has eliminated scores of athletes. Jake masters this move unlike any other, and the more he refines it, the more devastating it becomes.

By Bill Banks

5. SWEET CHIN MUSIC (Thrust Kick)
4. TOMBSTONE
3. BANZAI DROP
2. MANDIBLE CLAW
1. VADER BOMB

SWEET CHIN MUSIC (Thrust Kick)

Ah yes, SHAWN MICHAELS' SWEET CHIN MUSIC. A swift kick to an opponent's face tends to loosen some teeth here and there! However, the reason I ranked this move No. 5 is because we have yet to see it executed on a big man—I mean, a really BIG man! Sweet Chin Music took Diesel off his feet, but could it even faze the likes of a Vader or a Yokozuna? Only time will tell!

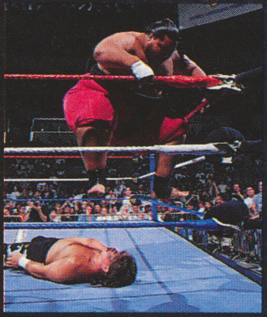


TOMBSTONE

Next in the rankings we have the TOMBSTONE by everyone's favorite poster boy for formaldehyde, the UNDERTAKER! Three years ago, this move would have easily been the most devastating finishing move in the ranks of the Federation, but as is the case in all sports, bigger and badder men come along! The Tombstone pile driver allows the full force of the hard canvas to be absorbed directly on the top of the hapless victim's head. It's not a rarity to see heads bounce off the mat violently when the Taker applies it! The only problem with the Tombstone pile driver is that it can't be used on men bigger than the Undertaker. How many times in the past have we seen the Grim Reaper take on men such as Mabel, Giant Gonzalez and Yokozuna, only to rely on the choke slam for the pin? The man from the Dark Side can't rely on the Tombstone all the time!

BANZAI DROP

Coming in third is possibly the scariest maneuver of the top five. How does the prospect of a building falling on your chest sound? Appealing? I think not! When an opponent is lying face up and unable to move as he waits for YOKOZUNA to pounce off the second rope with the BANZAI DROP, I wonder what goes through his mind first? Maybe his nose? The downside to this maneuver? The move takes too long to set up, and it's no secret that Yokozuna isn't Speedy Gonzalez in the ring. What happens when Yokozuna faces Shawn again? By the time he gets up to the ropes, HBK could get his second wind and move! And what about balancing all that weight on the ropes? We all saw Bret Hart take advantage of that at WrestleMania X when Yokozuna lost his balance!

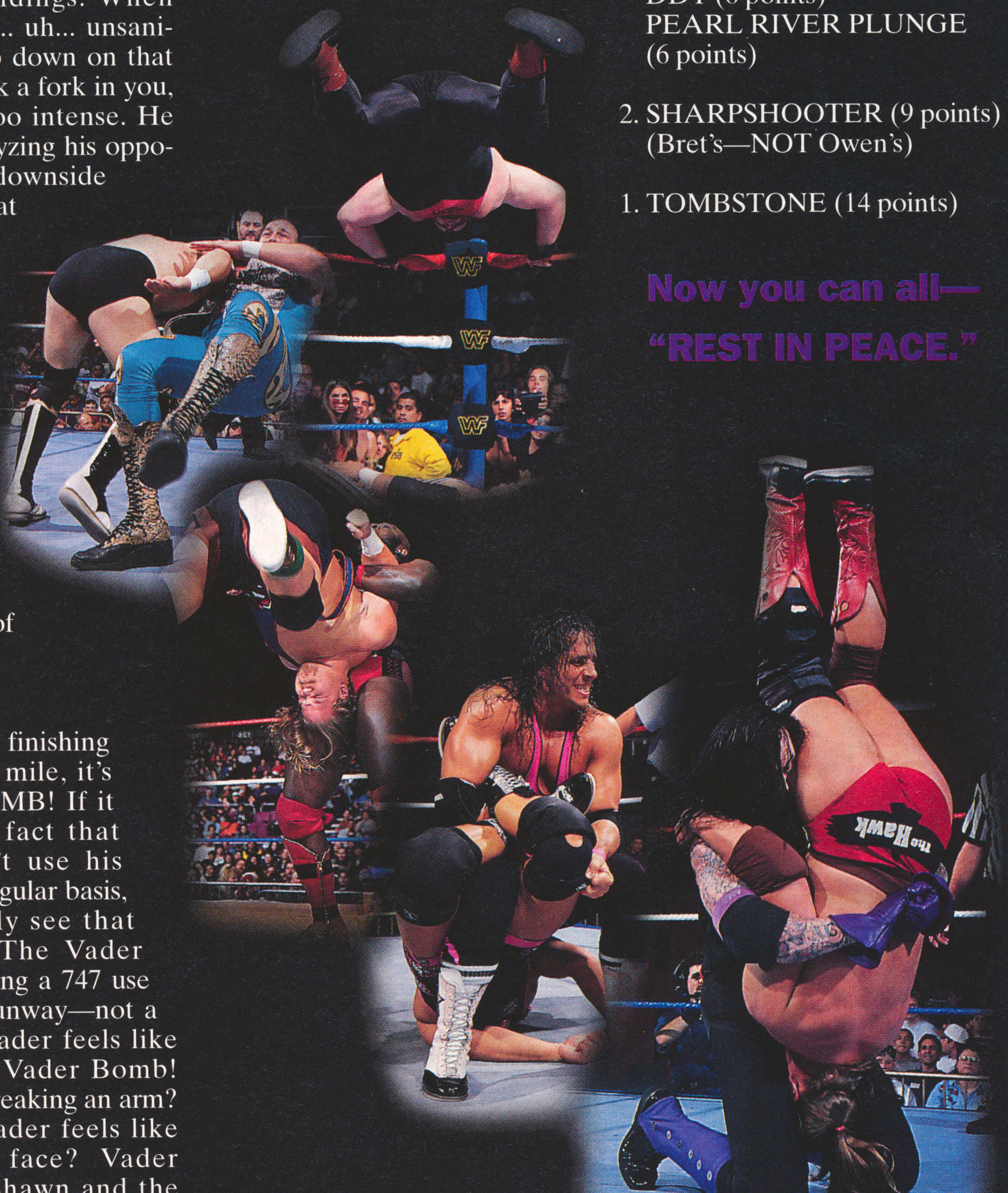


MANDIBLE CLAW

Placing second on my list is the deranged nut case known as MANKIND! The MANDIBLE CLAW is so hideous no one wants to think about it—they just want to put it out of their mem-

AND THE DEBA

ory! When Mankind first entered the Federation, officials were puzzled by the hold he used. Why were his opponents screaming in pain? We found out the answer when he was interviewed by Jim Ross! Underneath your tongue is a soft spot that contains various nerve endings. When Mankind and his... uh... unsanitary fingers clamp down on that spot, forget it, stick a fork in you, the pain is just too intense. He was literally paralyzing his opponents! The only downside to this move is that Mankind is way too close to his opponents when he applies it. I don't care how deranged he is—a thumb to the eye by an opponent can bring anyone to his knees or—in Mankind's case—what's left of his knees.



VADER BOMB

And the ultimate finishing maneuver? By a mile, it's the VADER BOMB! If it weren't for the fact that VADER doesn't use his moonsault on a regular basis, you would surely see that right up here! The Vader Bomb is like having a 747 use your body as a runway—not a pleasant idea! Vader feels like breaking a leg? Vader Bomb! Vader feels like breaking an arm? Vader Bomb! Vader feels like breaking your face? Vader Bomb! Unlike Shawn and the Undertaker, Vader has no problem whatsoever with using this move on big men! Skinny or fat, small or tall, Vader is an equal opportunity destroyer! The best part about this move? Vader may be huge, but he's quick! The Vader Bomb may require the same setup as Yokozuna does, but the beast from the Rocky Mountains doesn't have to deal with the problems that Yokozuna has preparing for the Banzai Drop! What time is it? VADER TIME!

FINAL TALLY:

5. (TIE)
   VADER BOMB (6 points)
   DDT (6 points)
   PEARL RIVER PLUNGE
   (6 points)

2. SHARPSHOOTER (9 points)
   (Bret's—NOT Owen's)

1. TOMBSTONE (14 points)

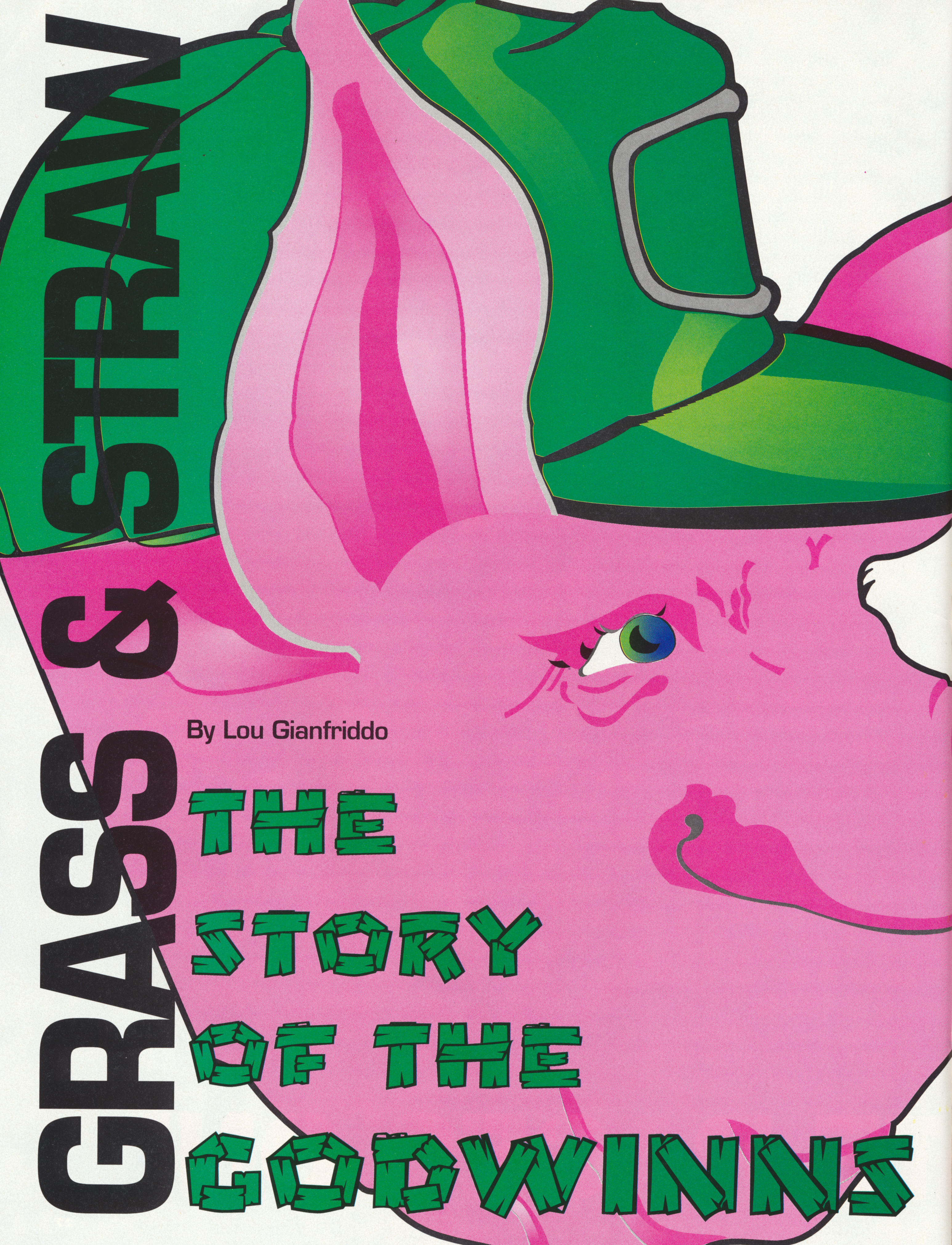
Now you can all—
"REST IN PEACE."

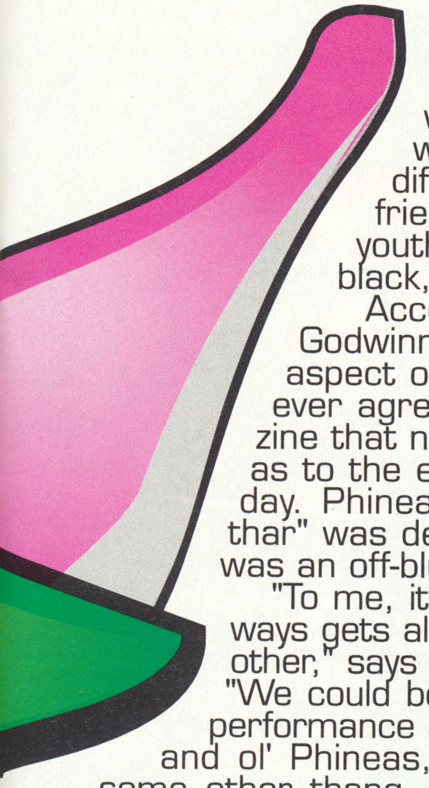
ATE RAGES ON!

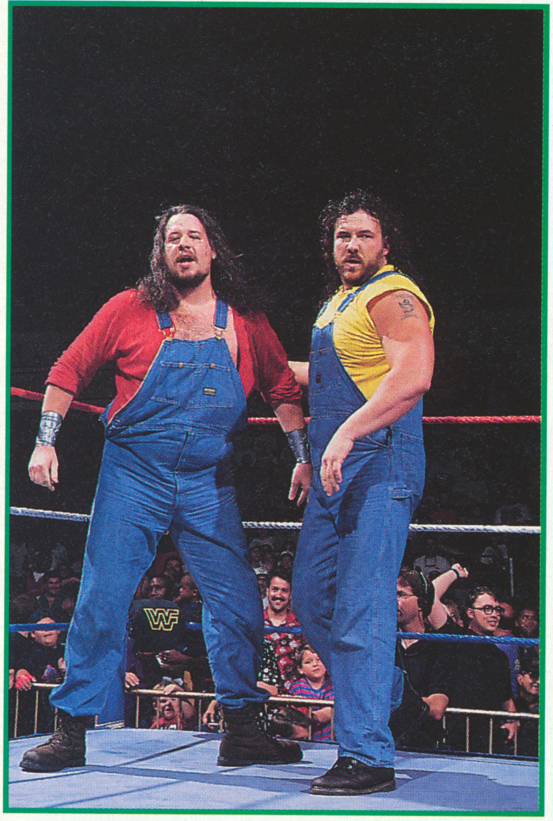
GRASS & STRAW

THE STORY OF THE GODWINNS

By Lou Gianfriddo







Ever since they were children, Phineas I. and Henry O. Godwinn have been different. Some would say they were extremely different. In fact, a longtime family friend who knew the boys in their youth, says that when one lad "saw black," the other "saw polka-dots."

According to the same source, the Godwinns were polar opposites in every aspect of their lives. Rarely did the boys ever agree. Once, Hillbilly told this magazine that not too long ago the boys argued as to the exact color of the sky on a clear day. Phineas insisted that the "yonder up thar" was deep blue, while Henry believed it was an off-blue.

"To me, it seems as if it's Phineas who always gets all caught up with one thing or another," says a source close to the Godwinns. "We could be talking about Jake the Snake's performance at King of the Ring, for instance, and ol' Phineas, he'd be jabbering away about some other thang, like the way [Federation Champion] Shawn Michaels throws his Sweet Chin Music superkick. It's really weird."

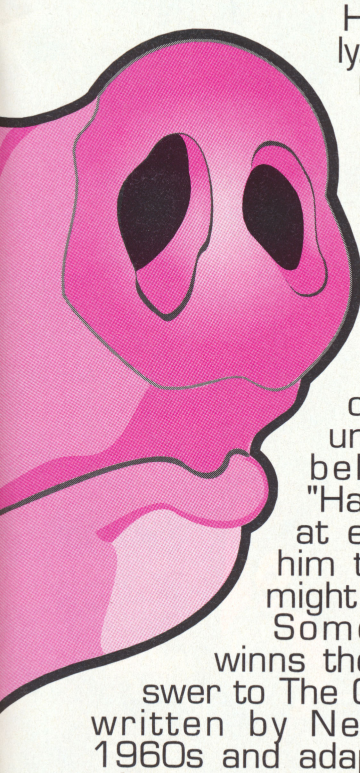
Indeed, Phineas' behavior may appear "weird" to a casual observer, but it is the genetic makeup of this remarkable athlete. Henry's behavior, perhaps to the same observer, may also be considered "weird."

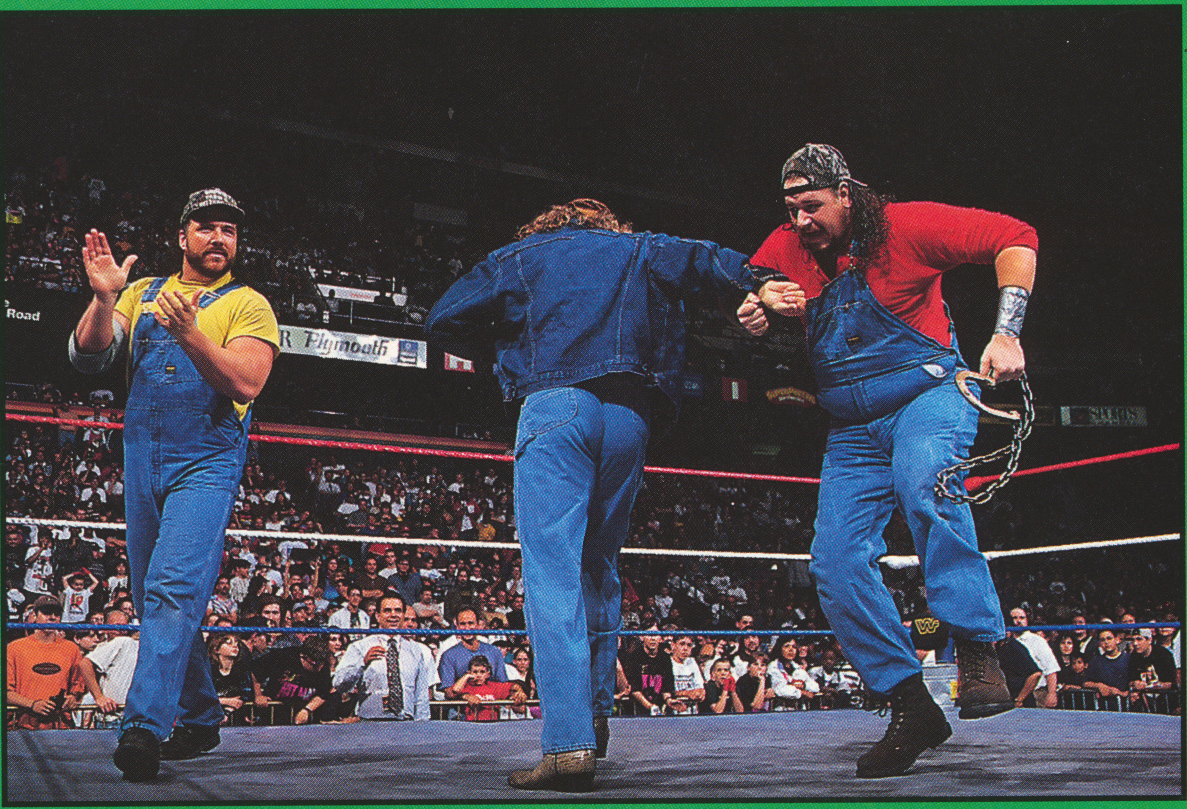
Henry Godwinn is totally driven by his focus—visually and mentally. He is, perhaps, the most focused athlete in the Federation, a man who pays rapt attention to every word spoken to him, to every countermaneuver an opponent applies on him in the squared circle. Some say his focus borders on obsession.

"Ol' Hank has to know what's going on every second his peepers are open," says our source. "If he doesn't, he just loses his mind."

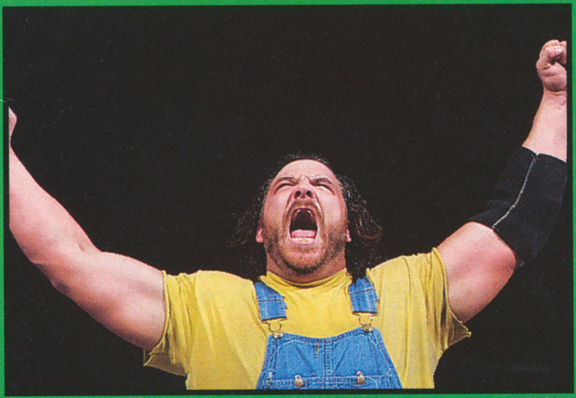
Hillbilly apparently agrees. In a conversation overheard at the King of the Ring in Milwaukee [which is now available at video outlets throughout North America on the Coliseum Home Video label], Hillbilly said, "Hank looks so hard at everything around him that the poor boy might develop bags."

Some call the Godwinns the Federation's answer to The Odd Couple, a play written by Neil Simon in the 1960s and adapted for television where stars Tony Randall and Jack Klugman immortalized the characters of Oscar and Felix—one a beer-guzzling, poker-playing sports-writer; the other, a refined man with cutting-edge sensibilities.





The Godwinns have taken the concept a step further. They are counterparts in a true sense in that they are the same but different. On one hand, the similarities are almost striking. They practically resemble one another. They are roughly the same height and weight, and both have adopted a rough-house, wild way of eradicating the opposition. They talk the same, walk the same and, some say, even smell the same.

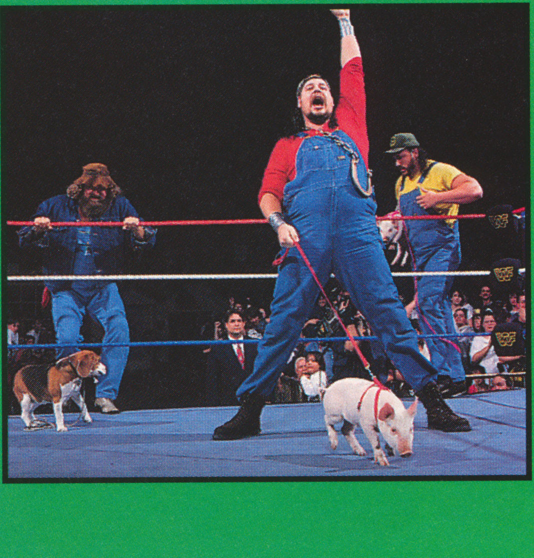


But the Godwinns, so we've learned, are also different.

Henry's focus and intensity in the squared circle have become his trademark, as has his finishing maneuver—the Slop Drop. He is goal-oriented—perhaps to a fault—and he's dead serious about his performance in the squared circle.

Phineas, a man who also gets down to business and only business in the ring, is one who at times allows his emotions to get the better of him. It may happen when he's greeting his fans or when he's pummeling the daylights out of his opponent. Or when he catches a glimpse of Sunny. He's rambunctious and wild, but he's never careless in the ring. He is just... well, he is just Phineas, and that's the attraction.

Despite the differences in personality, the Godwinns are one of the most respected tag teams in the Federation—and one of the most successful. True, the chemistry may seem odd, maybe even implausible, but for whatever reason, it works—and works well. The next time they appear at an arena near you, check them out. You'll see firsthand that the Federation's Odd Couple always beats the odds in the ring.



PERSONALITY PROFILE

If I Could Have Done It Differently:

HENRY: I would've taught my cousin Phineas that Sunny is nothin' but a lyin', cheatin' city girl!
PHINEAS: I would've tried to stop those donkeys from kickin' me in my head for all those years!

Favorite Athlete:

HENRY: Hillbilly Jim
PHINEAS: Sure as heck, it's Hillbilly Jim!

Favorite Movie:

HENRY: *Beverly Hillbillies*
PHINEAS: *Babe!* That pig sure did make me laugh!

Favorite Actress:

HENRY: Ellie May Clampett
PHINEAS: Dolly Parton! Yee-Haw!

Favorite Actor:

HENRY: Ernest!
PHINEAS: Mr. Ed

Favorite Cartoon Character:

HENRY: Yosemite Sam
PHINEAS: Can't say I have a favorite. They're all great actors!

Favorite Television Show

HENRY: *Dukes of Hazzard*
PHINEAS: Any episode of *Hee-Haw*!

Favorite Food:

HENRY: Mom's beef stew with potatoes!
PHINEAS: Grits with bacon gristle!

Favorite Fast Food:

HENRY: There's not much fast food down on the farm. It takes a while to grow!
PHINEAS: I always eat pig slop when I need somethin' fast!

Favorite Video Game:

HENRY: I never get a chance to play! Phineas always breaks them!
PHINEAS: Naw, I don't! I can't help it if the horses want to play!

Best Advice Ever Received:

HENRY: Don't count your chickens before they hatch.
PHINEAS: You shouldn't eat paint chips off the barn—or anywhere else!

Person You Would Most Like To Meet:

HENRY: The president of John Deere!
PHINEAS: Old MacDonald! I hear he has a cool farm!

Hobbies

HENRY: Mixing different kinds of pig slop
PHINEAS: Making mud pies behind the barn!

Favorite Sport (Besides Wrestling):

HENRY: Tractor pullin'
PHINEAS: Spittin' for distance! On a nice day I can clear the barn!

Biggest Thill In Life:

HENRY: Winning the Federation Tag Team Title with Phineas
PHINEAS: Kissing Sunny in front of everyone at MSG!

Secret Talent:

HENRY: I'm a great banjo player.
PHINEAS: I can milk Bessy lefty or righty!

Favorite Band:

HENRY: Lynard Skynard
PHINEAS: Favorite band? Hmm...I'd have to say rubber!

HENRY-	***PHINEAS-***
Height: 6'3"	Height: 6'4"
Weight: 288 lbs.	Weight: 285 lbs.

Hometown: Bitters, Arkansas

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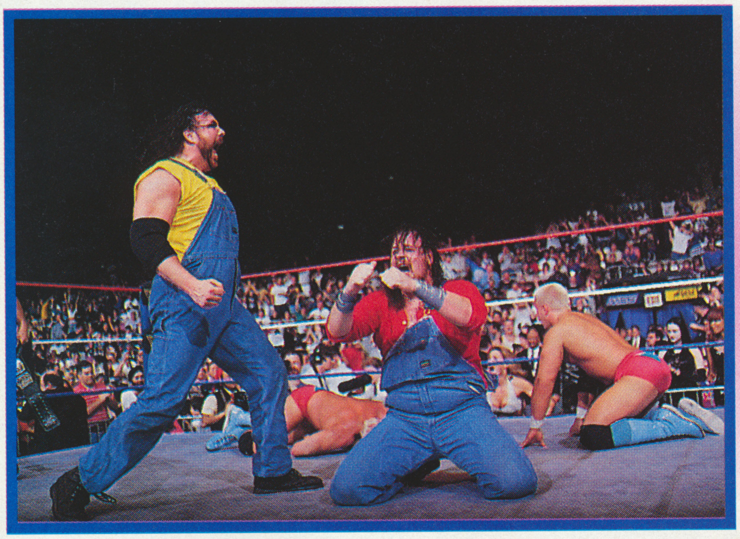
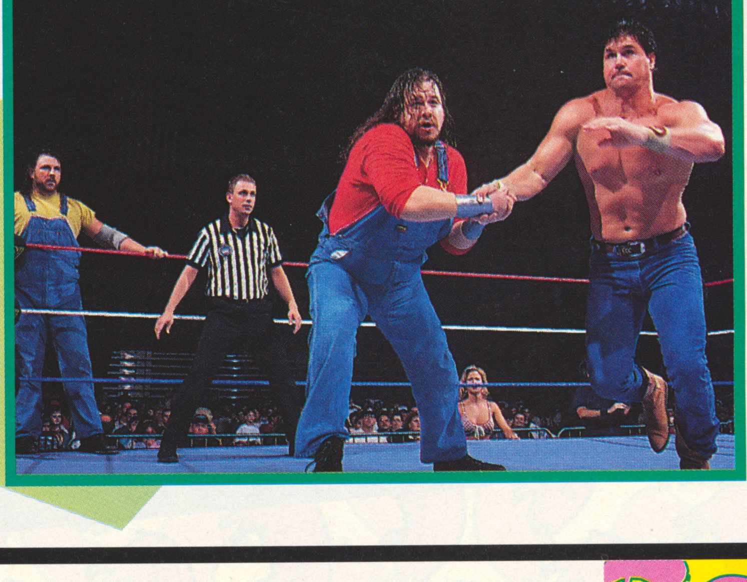
CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

At the WrestleMania XII Tag Team Championship tournament finals, the Godwinns were defeated by Skip and Zip, the Body Donnas, with Sunny playing a major role in the outcome! Seeing her chance to exploit Phineas' weakness, the Golden-Haired Fox decided to reveal her "assets" to the hog farmer just at the right moment. Stunned at what he saw, P.I.G. was easy prey for Skip and Zip. In the end it was the Body Donnas who were "flashing" the gold! "I never saw anything like that down on the farm!" was Phineas' explanation.



The Godwinns finally captured Federation gold in May when they beat Skip and Zip in front of a sold-out Madison Square Garden crowd. During the match, Sunny attempted to once again get Phineas' attention, this time by jumping up on the ring apron. Unfortunately for "Ms. Delight," her plan backfired! After a kiss on the lips by Phineas and a Slop Drop on Skip, the two hog farmers had the belts! But what the world would eventually find out was that before the match Sunny had tricked Phineas into handing over his managerial rights to her during the event! She would manage the tag team champs no matter who they were!

One week later, the Godwinns lost the title to the Smoking Gunns at May's In Your House. How did this happen? One word: Sunny. She once again double-crossed Phineas and broke his heart! Now, Henry and Hillbilly Jim are aiming to keep Phineas' mind off that sly fox and concentrate on climbing back up the tag team ladder!



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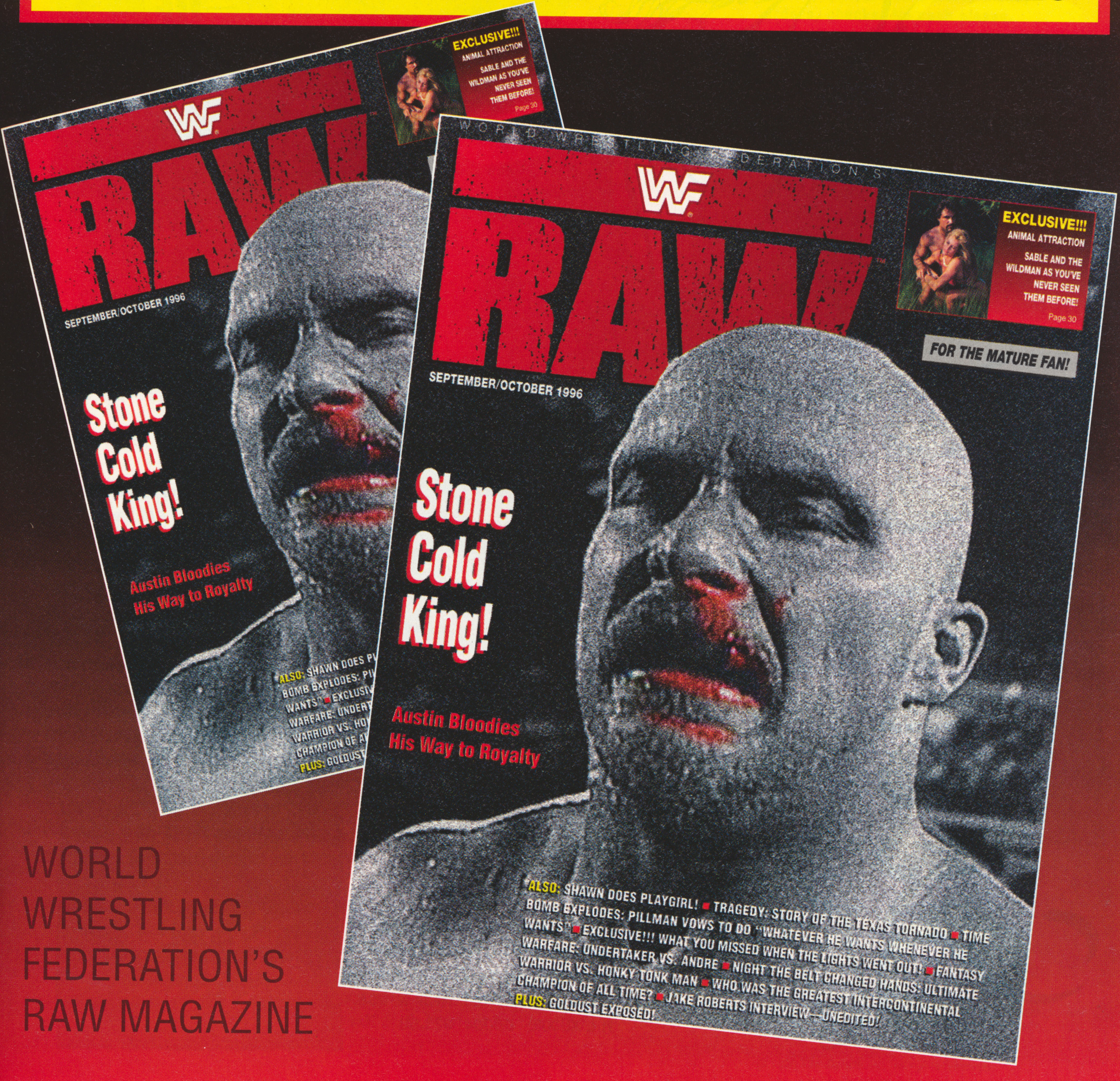

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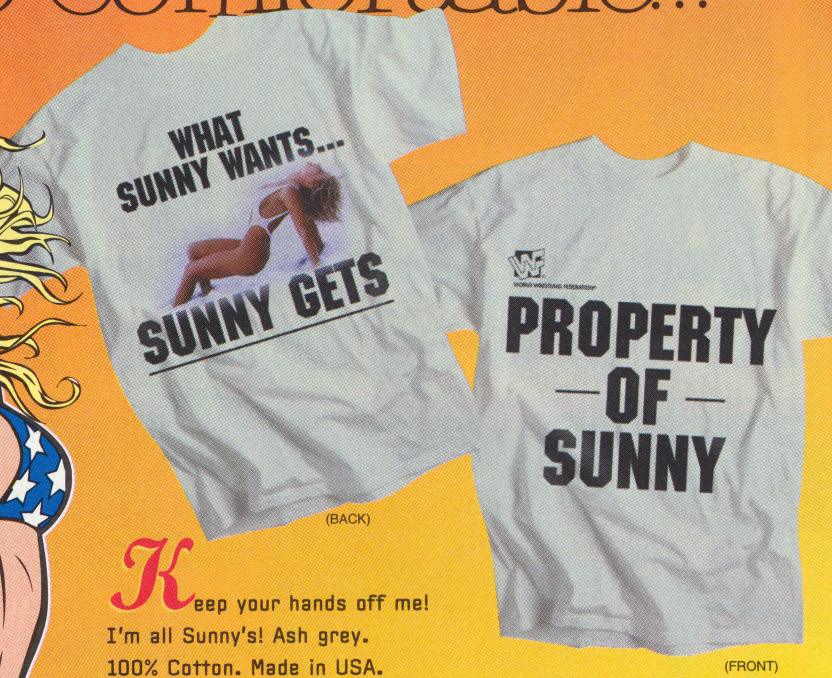
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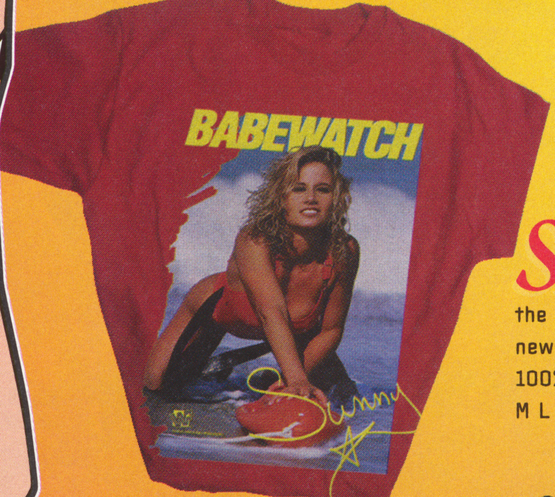
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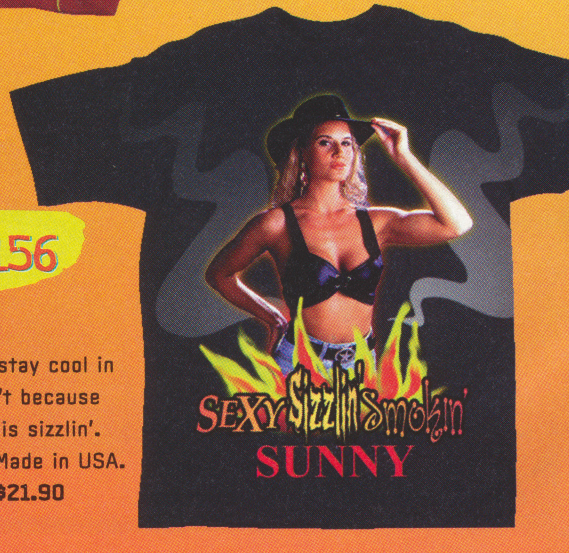
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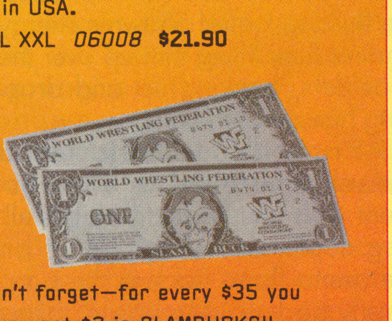

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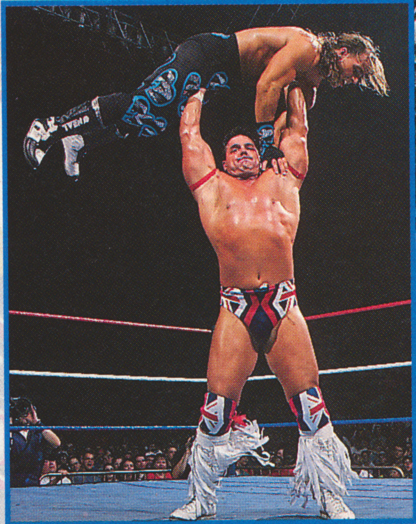
"Bulldog gave me a helluva fight, but once again, the KLIQ was there to catch him, then cage him! There ain't no stoppin'us now!"
—SHAWN MICHAELS

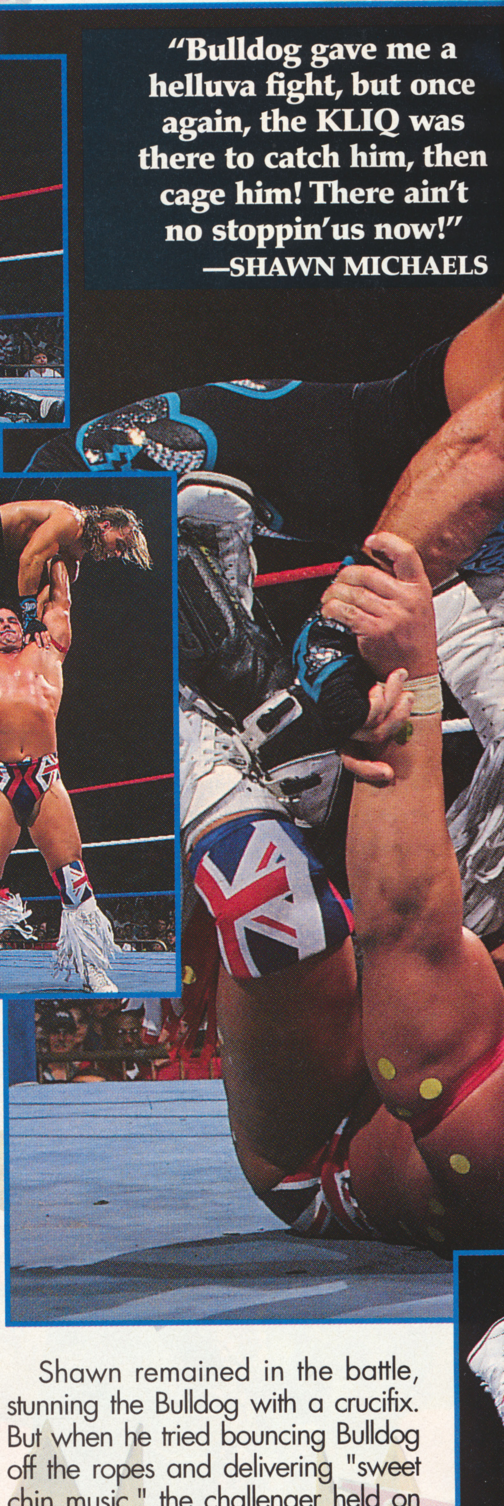
SHAWN MICHAELS
(WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION CHAMPION)
VS.
THE BRITISH BULLDOG

After their last battle at May's *In Your House* ended inconclusively, both Michaels and the Bulldog, Davey Boy Smith, vowed that there would be a definite winner in this contest. Each of the competitors came with his own entourage: the Bulldog had manager Jim Cornette and his wife Diana Smith—notorious for her allegations that Michaels tried to seduce her. The World Wrestling Federation Champion arrived with the man who trained him, Mexican wrestling legend Jose "Super Sock" Lothario.

Before the action commenced, Monsoon was in the ring again, demanding that special referee Mr. Perfect officiate from outside the ring, while regular World Wrestling Federation official Earl Hebner mediated between the ropes. This seemed to infuriate Bulldog and Cornette, a peculiar reaction since Perfect was supposed to call the match impartially.



"What do you expect?! Shawn Michaels had every friend that he ever had since grade school come out and jump the British Bulldog! Not even the Bulldog can overcome a three-on-one situation!"
—JAMES E. CORNETT



The match began scientifically, with the gifted adversaries exchanging headscissors, hiptosses and headlocks. As the two ran the ropes, Bulldog grabbed his foe from the back of the head and threw him over the cables. Incredibly, the champion managed to grab onto the top strand on the way out, muscle himself up, catch Bulldog in a headscissors and flip him onto the arena floor. There, Shawn punished Smith with a Mexican headscissors variation sometimes called a "hurricane."

Several times, the Bulldog tried to mount an offense. But on each occasion he was thwarted by the quicker Michaels. Finally, Shawn got too confident. He applied a sleeper, and the powerful contender broke the hold by backing the champion into the corner, crashing him into the buckles.

Shawn responded with an armbar takedown, a double axhandle from the top rope and a kneelift. But when Michaels ran the ropes, the Bulldog turned Shawn's energy against him, lifting him up over the shoulders, backing up and dropping him out of the ring.

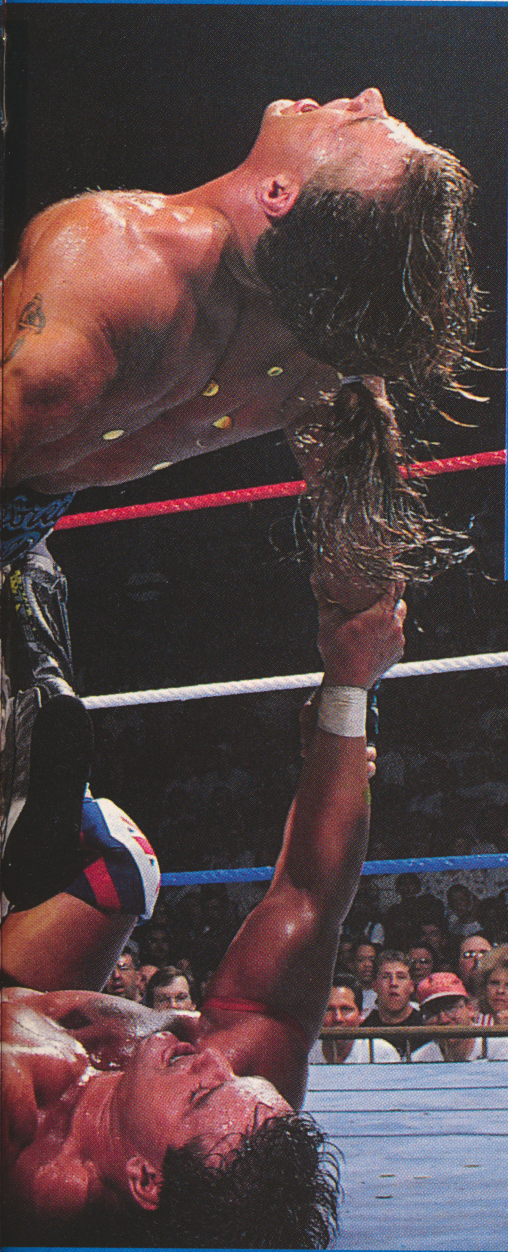
At ringside, Lothario found himself embroiled in an argument with Mr. Perfect, while Bulldog suplexed his opponent on the arena floor. Back in the ring, Smith tied up Michaels' arms and legs, locking him in a painful surfboard maneuver, but the champ refused to submit.

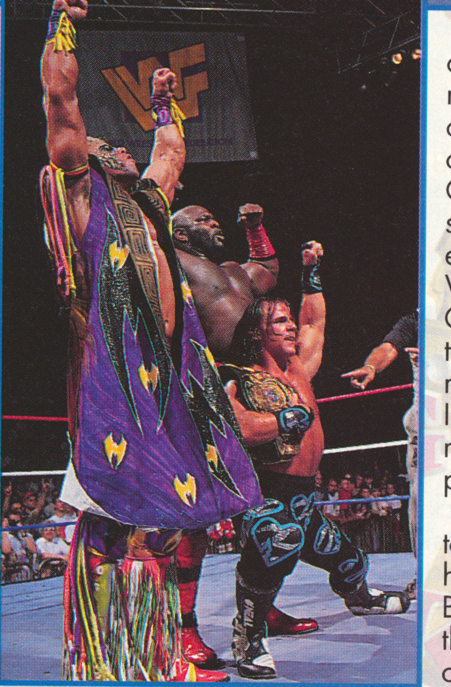
Shawn remained in the battle, stunning the Bulldog with a crucifix. But when he tried bouncing Bulldog off the ropes and delivering "sweet chin music," the challenger held on to the strands, cut down the disoriented champion with a clothesline and followed up with a piledriver.

Ascending to the top of the ropes, Bulldog tried—and missed—a flying headbutt.

STONE COLD KING!

By Keith Elliot Greenberg





Shawn then attempted to go to the top rope, but Bulldog sprung off the mat, hitting Shawn with a dropkick. As Michaels slumped down on the top turnbuckle, he was superplexed by his adversary.

Bulldog tried a similar move. But this time he nearly lost the match because of the risky maneuver, as Michaels fell on top of the contender.

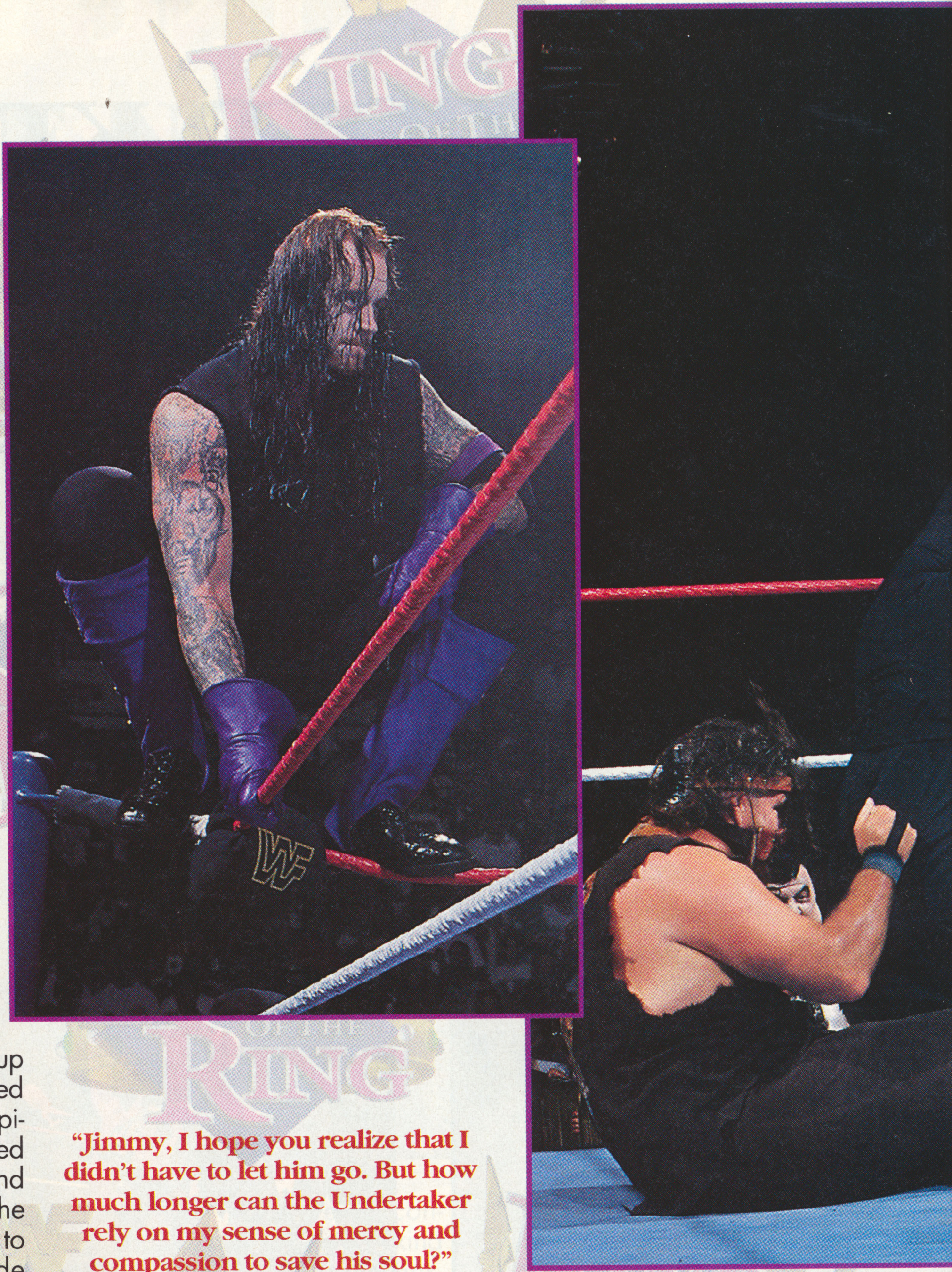
Now Michaels made a foolish gesture, going for a flying headscissors, which the Bulldog transformed into a powerbomb.

Incredibly, Michaels wouldn't quit. He bodyslammed the Bulldog—knocking down the referee in the process—executed a flying elbow and hit Bulldog with the sweet chin music.

A groggy Earl Hebner started to count the pinfall. Perfect slipped into the ring at the same time, apparently to relieve Hebner of his chore. Perfect slapped the mat twice but was pulled out of the ring by special color commentator for the evening Owen Hart before he could spank the fatal three. However, and luckily for the World Wrestling Federation Champion, Hebner was able to complete the count. But the referee ignored the former Intercontinental Champion, registering the pinfall at the proper speed.

Shawn Michaels was victorious, but he quickly found himself under siege by both Bulldog and Owen Hart. After the two double suplexed the champion, Ahmed Johnson stormed the ring, evening the odds. But then Vader barged in, assaulting the strongman from Pearl River, Mississippi.

With Owen and the Bulldog holding Shawn in place, Vader prepared to squash him from the top rope. At the last moment, the Ultimate Warrior came to the rescue, driving away Michaels' tormentors, then locking arms with the champion and Johnson to—finally—celebrate the successful title defense.



THE UNDERTAKER VS. MANKIND

No one had ever humiliated the Undertaker the way the bizarre Mankind had in the weeks before this match, disabling the Man from the Dark Side with the vicious Mandible Claw and, on one occasion, emerging from a casket to pull the World Wrestling Federation's resident Reaper inside.

But the Undertaker seemed to have the early edge in this contest, jumping off the top rope onto Mankind, as he looked back toward the dressing room for his foe to make his entrance, then continuing with fists to the ribs and thrusts to the throat.

Mankind came back with an elbow smash and scoop slam. As Undertaker slowly sat up on the canvas, Mankind pounced down on him, executing a decapitating clothesline. Undertaker tried struggling to his feet, but Mankind wouldn't let him rise, kicking the Man from the Dark Side back to the canvas, pulling him outside the ring, climbing onto the ring apron and delivering an elbowdrop onto the Pale Warrior on the arena floor.

> **"Jimmy, I hope you realize that I didn't have to let him go. But how much longer can the Undertaker rely on my sense of mercy and compassion to save his soul?"**
> **—MANKIND**

After Undertaker mounted a brief comeback, Mankind drove his opponent's head into the ring steps and stampeded toward him with a chair. At the last moment, Undertaker met his foe with a big foot—smacking the chair into his head—and executed a backflip.

In the ring, Undertaker cracked the chair across his enemy's back. But Mankind replied with a swinging neckbreaker, a legdrop and an elbowdrop. Outside the ring, Mankind propped up Undertaker against the ring steps, raced around the ring and drove a knee into the Reaper's head, banging it against the steel entranceway.

Remarkably, Undertaker regrouped, smashing his foe repeatedly with a chair, clonking him with a headbutt and flooring him with a flying elbow. But Mankind stayed in the match, surprising the Undertaker with a piledriver.

Psyched up, Mankind pulled at his own hair, snatched Undertaker's urn and attempted to lower it on his foe. Suddenly, Undertaker's manager, Paul Bearer, snuck up on the ring apron and yanked the weapon away.

As Undertaker and Mankind tussled in the ring, they collided with the manager, who inadvertently hit his own charge with the urn. Taking advantage of the moment, Mankind rammed his fingers down Undertaker's throat, defeating him with the Mandible Claw, then chased Bearer back to the dressing room with a chair.

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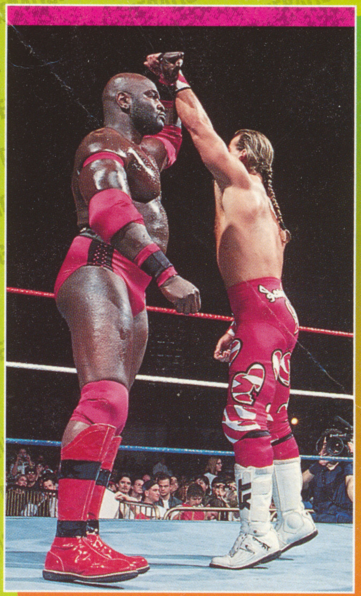

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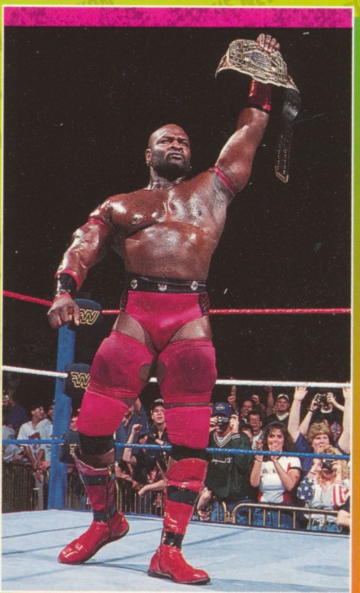

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In his World Wrestling Federation pay-per-view debut at the 1995 Survivor Series, Ahmed Johnson teamed up with Sid, Shawn Michaels and the British Bulldog to take on Owen Hart, Dean Douglas, Yokozuna and Razor Ramon in the Wildcard match! Shawn and Ahmed outlasted all of their opponents to gain the victory after the master of the Pearl River Plunge pinned Yokozuna!

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NEW SENSATION!!!

And the winner for the "New Sensation on the Squared Circle" is... Ahmed Johnson! At the 1996 Slammy Awards, the master of the Pearl River Plunge easily won the Slammy that declared him the best newcomer to the ranks of the World Wrestling Federation! After winning the award, Ahmed said, "This is not my award. This is your award—the people!"

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ONE FOR THE RECORD BOOKS!!!

At the 1996 King of the Ring, Ahmed Johnson carved his name in the World Wrestling Federation history books forever when he became the first African-American to win one of the Federation's major singles titles! In stunning fashion, Ahmed pulverized Goldust, thus claiming the highly respected Intercontinental gold!

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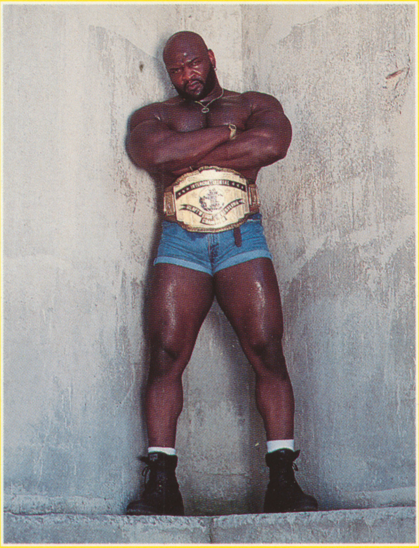

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INTERCONTINENTAL
CHAMPION
AHMED JOHNSON

HEIGHT:

6' 2"

WEIGHT:

305 pounds

FROM:

Pearl River, MS

TITLES HELD:

WWF Intercontinental Championship

MOTTO:

"Stay strong and believe in yourself"

FINISHING MOVE:

Pearl River Plunge

NICKNAME:

None

PPV DEBUT:

November 19, 1995, at the Survivor Series. Teamed with Shawn Michaels, the British Bulldog and Psycho Sid to take on Owen Hart, Yokozuna, Dean Douglas and Razor Ramon

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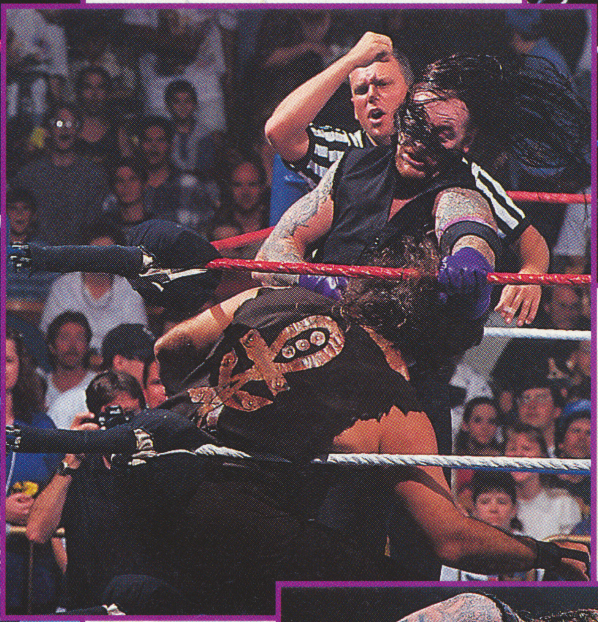
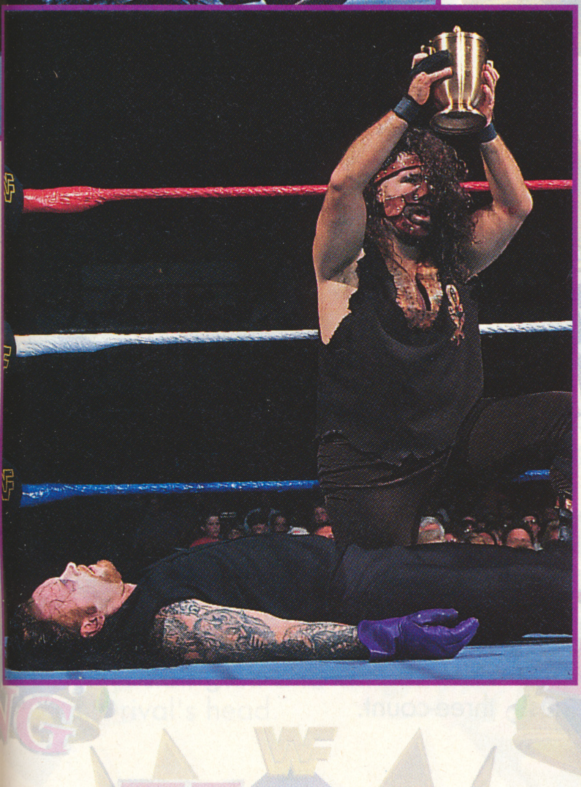
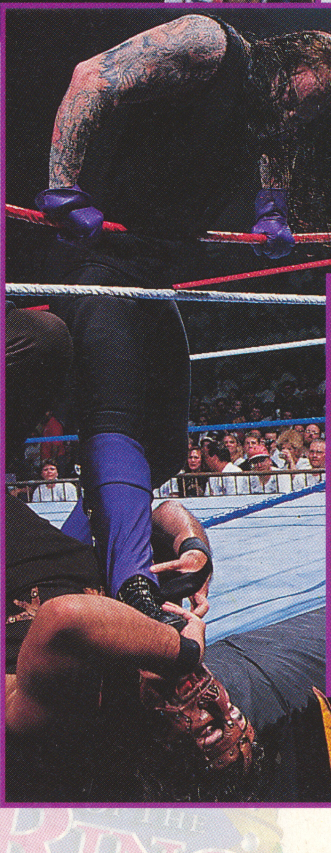
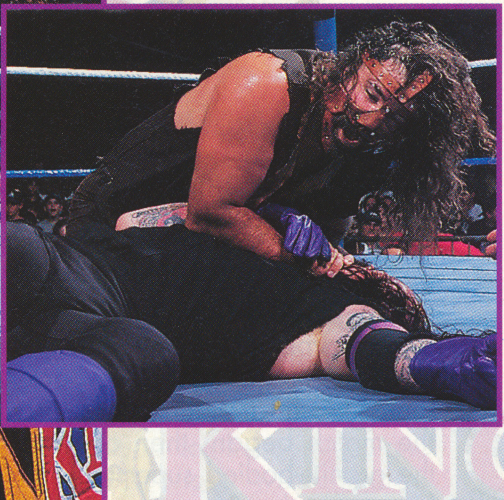
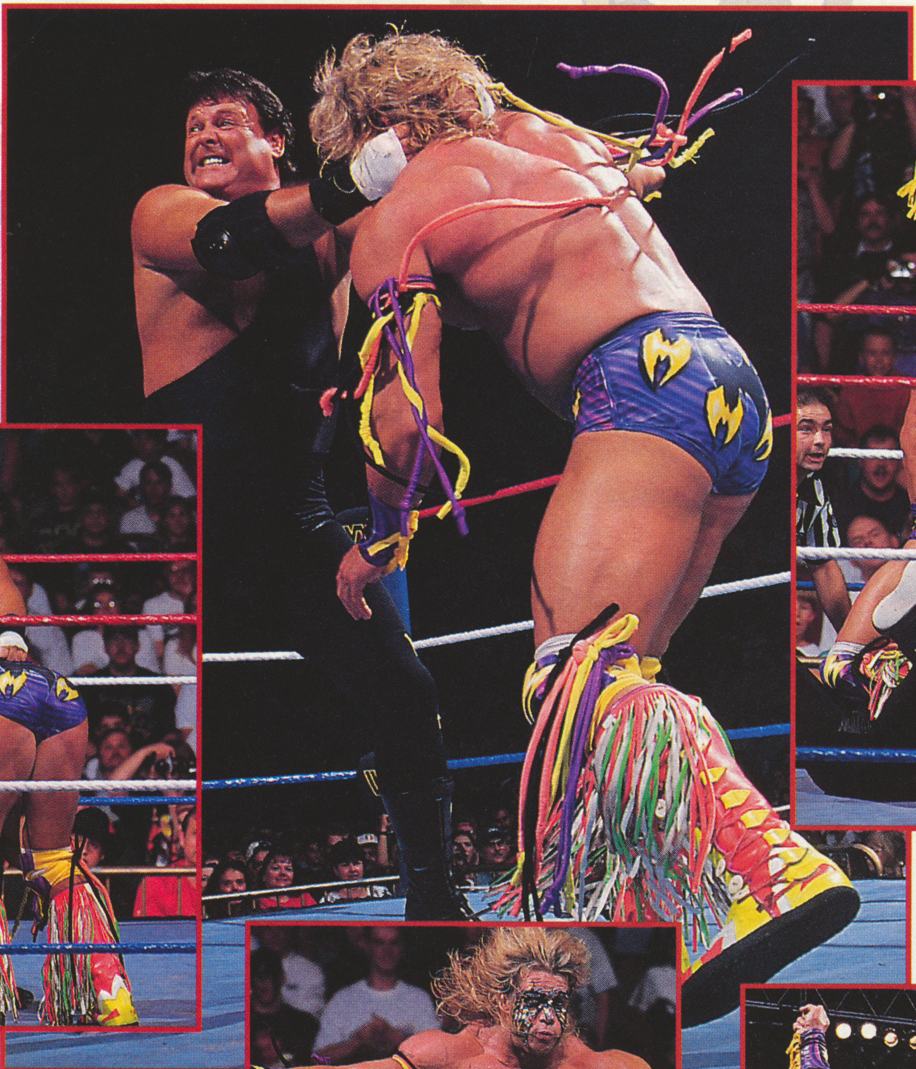


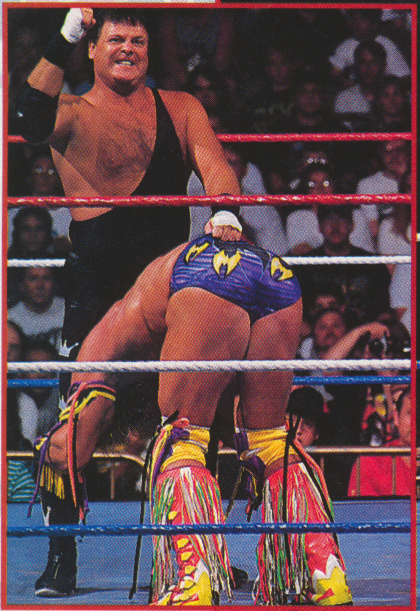
"I've been with the Undertaker for almost six years now, and never once did you see anything like you did tonight! It was a total miscalculation on my part! I HIT MY OWN UNDERTAKER!!! I'm sorry, what can I say?"
—PAUL BEARER

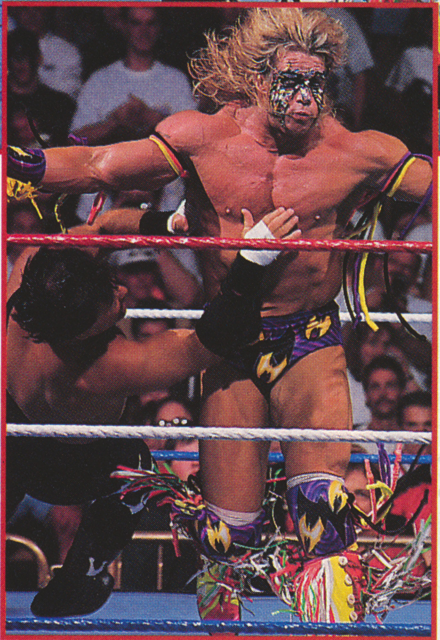












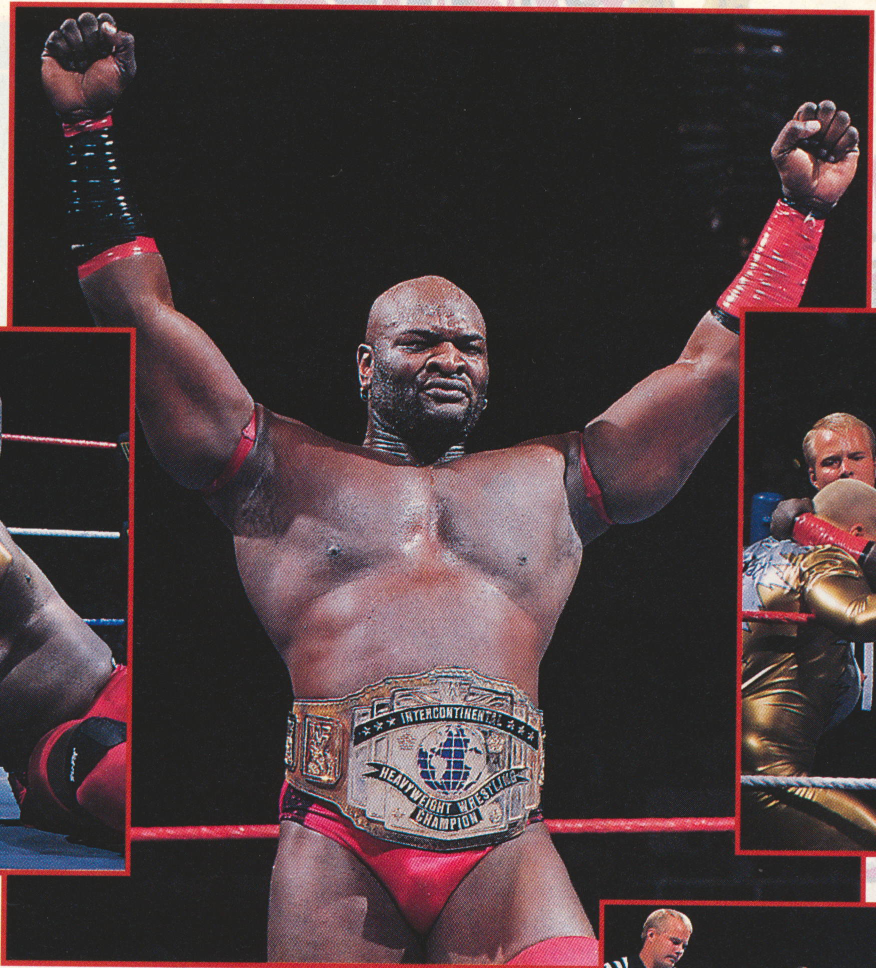
"Of course he beat me! He used every foreign object he could get his grubby, little hands on! His tights were even loaded! The freak was a walking hardware store!"
—JERRY "THE KING" LAWLER

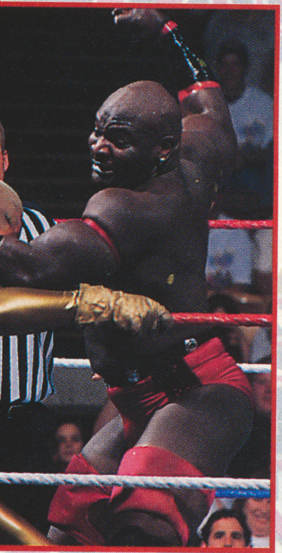
THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR VS. JERRY "THE KING" LAWLER

Fans believed that Lawler had gone insane when he taunted the mighty Warrior into this match. But the so-called "King" seemed to be sharper than many realized, shocking the Warrior by whacking him with the scepter before the match began, then choking the granite-bodied superstar with his robe at ringside.

Removing the tape from around his wrists, Lawler continued choking the Warrior between the ropes, jammed a thumb into the former World Wrestling Federation Champion's neck and took him down with a piledriver. To his rival's amazement, the Warrior popped right off the canvas, hitting his opponent with a series of clotheslines, running the ropes, executing a flying shoulderblock and planting a knee on Lawler's chest as the referee registered the three-count.

"We came. We saw. We KICKED HIS !@#$%!"
—ULTIMATE WARRIOR





"From here on in, the Intercontinental Belt will be referred to as the PEOPLE'S BELT!"
—AHMED JOHNSON

AHMED JOHNSON VS. GOLDUST (WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION INTERCONTINENTAL CHAMPION)

"I'll be back!"
—Terminator 1984.—
GOLDUST

Johnson had been seething for almost a month since Goldust surprised him as he lay unconscious after a confrontation with another wrestler, applying a perverse form of "mouth to mouth." Before Goldust had a chance to remove his robe in this clash, Ahmed was on top of the Intercontinental Champion, raining down fists. Goldust retreated to ringside, but Johnson pursued him there, leaping over the top rope and flattening him on the arena floor. Dismantling the ring steps, Ahmed held a steel stair aloft and winged it at his rival's head.

But Johnson erred when he charged Goldust in the corner and the Intercontinental champ avoided the blow. Hitting the buckles, Ahmed fell outside the ring, where Goldust now thumped the ring step onto his opponent's back. After a clothesline in the ring, Goldust hammered Ahmed's kidneys and executed a piledriver. Instead of hooking Johnson's leg, Goldust slithered up Ahmed's body and lay there, waiting for the referee to count to three.

Johnson kicked out and attempted a comeback. But Goldust seemed to be a step ahead, avoiding a dropkick from the big man and climbing up his back to apply a sleeperhold.

Johnson fell to the mat, and Goldust again tried mouth to mouth. But this time, Ahmed clutched him by the throat and exploded on the flamboyant one, delivering a spinebuster and the Pearl River Plunge. Within seconds, Goldust's shoulders were glued to the canvas, and Ahmed Johnson was the new Intercontinental Champion.

"Stone Cold Steve Austin may have answered the 'Call of the Wild' tonight, but I guarantee you that he is not out of the jungle yet!"—MARC MERO

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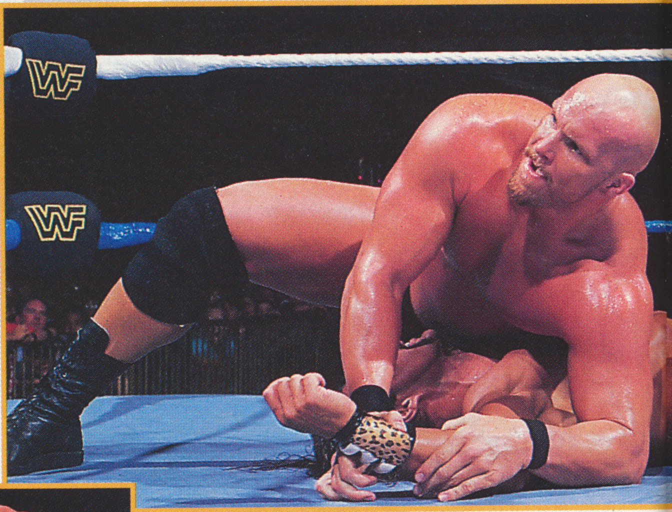
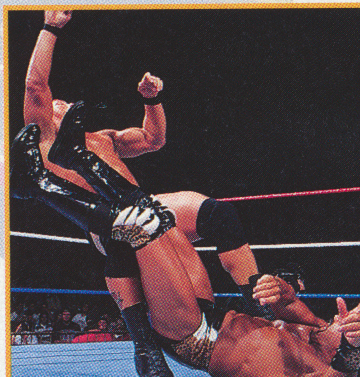
"Marc Mero is going to definitely pay for the pain he made me suffer. I may have gotten 63 stitches in my upper lip, but REVENGE will be mine!"—STONE COLD STEVE AUSTIN





KING OF THE RING SEMI-FINALS: WILDMAN MARC MERO VS. STONE COLD STEVE AUSTIN

Both competitors had battled their way through the *King of the Ring* preliminary contests. In the weeks leading up to this event, Austin had vanquished Bob "Spark Plugg" Holly and Savio Vega, while Mero eliminated both Owen Hart and Skip.

With Mero's stunning valet Sable looking on, the Wildman punished his rival with a flying headscissors, then reversed an Irish whip and delivered a high back-bodydrop.

Austin challenged his adversary to a test of strength. Once they locked up, Stone Cold delivered a kick to Mero's mid-section and hurled him over the top rope. At ringside, Austin pulled the mats off the arena floor and slammed his foe onto the hard concrete. Draping Mero over the side of the ring apron, Stone Cold drove the point of the elbow into his opponent's throat.

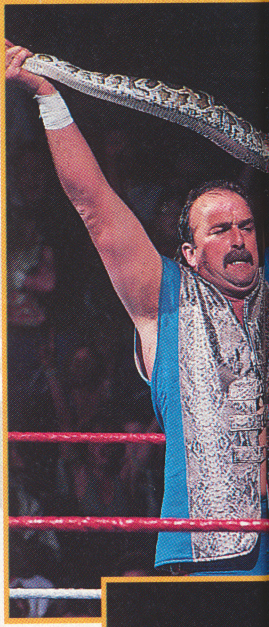
Back between the ropes, Austin clamped on the Boston crab. Agonizing on the canvas, Mero managed to twist his body and flick Austin away from him.

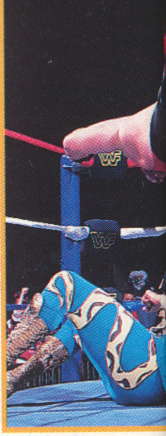
When Austin next went for an atomic drop, Mero rolled over his adversary's shoulders, planted his feet on the mat, leapt skyward, hooked the legs under Stone Cold's armpits and flipped him to the canvas for a near-fall. Austin fought back, but Mero dazed him with a dropkick to the jaw, jarring several teeth loose. After a high back-body drop, Mero got another near-fall via a double axhandle from the top rope. Then the Wildman knocked his foe out of the ring and somersaulted onto him on the arena floor.

When the battle returned to the ring another time, Mero hit his foe with a dropkick from the buckles, following up with a reverse victory roll from the top rope on the opposite side of the ring.

Austin tried a powerbomb, and Mero attempted to break free by again rolling over his opponent's shoulder. Stifling the momentum, Austin shifted his weight and dropped Mero, throat-first, across the top rope. As Mero gasped for breath, Austin pulled out his notorious Stone Cold Stunner, resulting in the Wildman's first World Wrestling Federation loss.

"I give credit to Jake 'The Snake' Roberts. When he realized that there was no way in the world that he was going to beat Vader, what did he do? He made a deal with the referee; that's what he did! Of all the lowly acts of cowardice that I have ever witnessed—THAT HAD TO BE THE LOWEST!!!" —JAMES E. CORNETTE

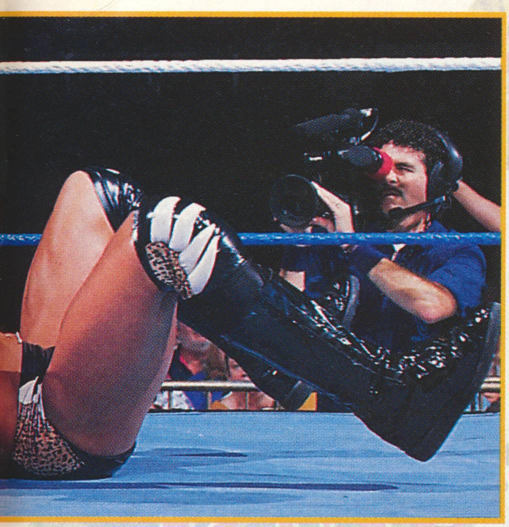


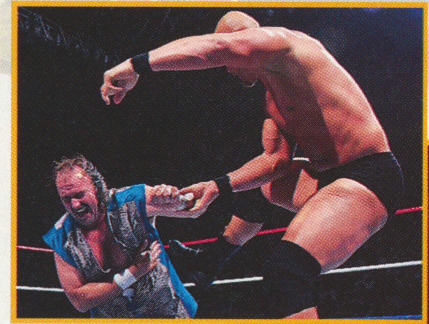


KING OF THE RING SEMI-FINAL: JAKE "THE SNAKE" ROBERTS VS. VADER

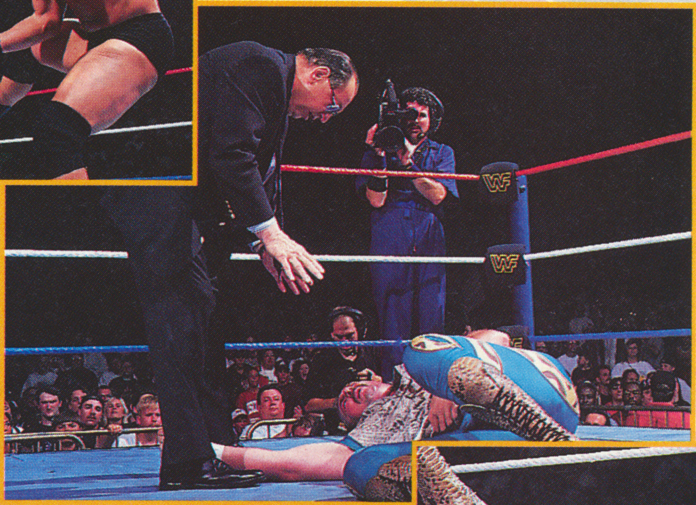
Vader had gained an automatic bye in the tournament several weeks before when Goldust and the Ultimate Warrior eliminated one another in their match. When the beast from the Canadian Rockies underhandedly defeated Ahmed Johnson in another contest, he earned a shot against Roberts, the crafty veteran who'd beaten both Hunter Hearst-Helmsley and Justin "Hawk" Bradshaw in preliminary bouts.

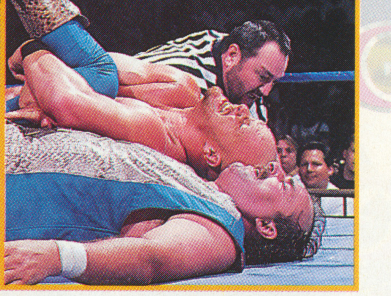
In the early stages of the match, Vader dominated his foe with pow-





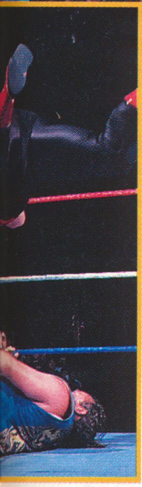
"Even if Jake 'The Snake' Roberts had shown up in 100% condition, it would have taken me only five or six minutes to beat him. The fact that he was already hurt just shortened the torture that I had to put him through!"
—STONE COLD STEVE AUSTIN





"Vader has unbelievable size and unbelievable mass. How do you move it? I couldn't move it! But I did the only thing I could do to it—DDT. Victory is great, but you pay a price with any victory."
—JAKE "THE SNAKE" ROBERTS

"In the good book it tells you that pride will get in your way—I let pride get in my way. Maybe I made a mistake, maybe I didn't, but the thing is that I went out and gave it my best shot. Stone Cold Steve Austin deserved to win the tournament—he's a great athlete. I did not like what he said at his coronation, and someday he is going to have to pay that price for that. Maybe not with me, maybe when he meets his maker."
—JAKE "THE SNAKE" ROBERTS



er. But Jake used his ring smarts, meeting a charging Vader with a boot to the jaw and following up with a kneelift to the face. Later, when Vader charged his foe in the corner, Roberts slipped out of the way, punishing Vader with the DDT as he crashed into the turnbuckles. As he plummeted to the mat, Vader grabbed the referee by the shirt and shoved him aside. But the official recovered just in time to disqualify the Mastodon for putting his hands on an official.

Vader was feeling vengeful. He jumped Jake after the bell, avalanching him in the corner and executing the dreaded Vader Bomb. As Roberts lay on the canvas clutching his ribs, both fans and officials wondered whether he'd be able to continue in the tournament.

KING OF THE RING FINAL: JAKE "THE SNAKE" ROBERTS VS STONE COLD STEVE AUSTIN

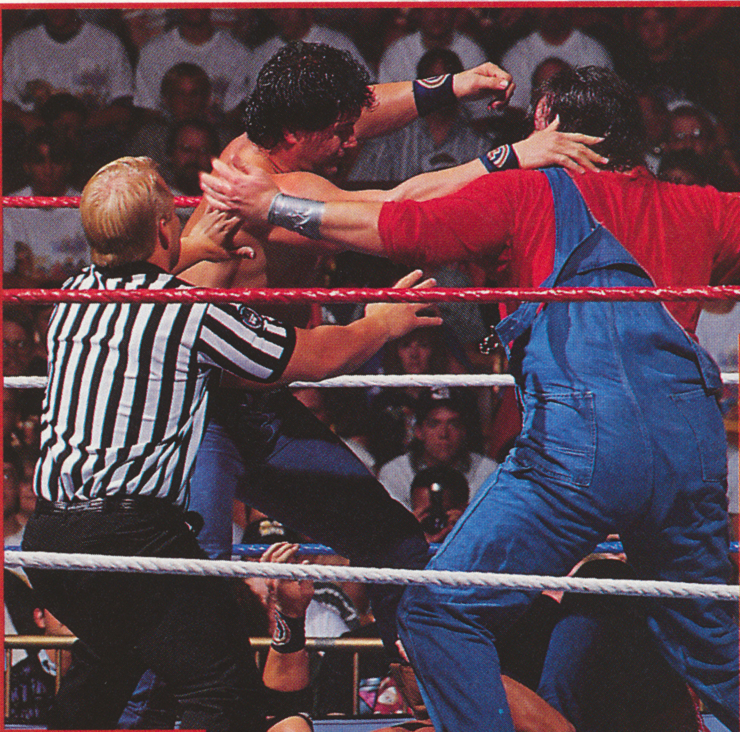
Having received numerous stitches in his mouth from injuries sustained during his earlier match on the card, Austin was first to enter the ring, waiting patiently as the 41-year-old Roberts emerged from the dressing room, ribs still throbbing from the prior confrontation with Vader.

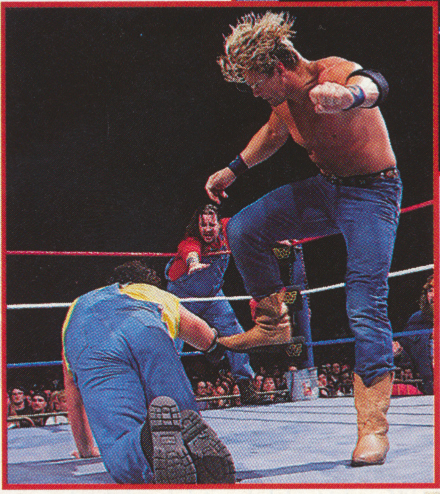
Showing no mercy, Austin zeroed in on Jake's injured area, cutting off Roberts' breathing by lowering fists and boots onto the ribs. Somehow, Jake bolstered himself up in the corner and laced into Austin with a series of kicks. But Stone Cold Steve swiftly turned the tables, unwinding the tape wrapped around Roberts' ribs and preparing to crunch them some more.

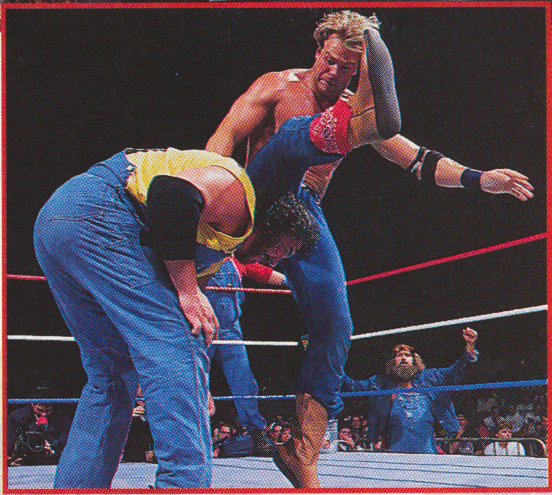
Suddenly, World Wrestling Federation President Gorilla Monsoon entered the ring, asking Jake if he was ready to quit. The courageous Roberts shook Monsoon off, then jumped on Austin, trying to set him up for the DDT.

Stone Cold Steve responded by again targeting the ribs, then pulverizing Roberts with the Stone Cold Stunner, winning the *King of the Ring* title over a man who technically was in no condition to wrestle in the first place.

"We're always disappointed when we lose a match, but I've seen the silver lining through the dark clouds! Phineas didn't let Sunny get to him, and now I'm certain that he's over here! We may have lost the battle, but now we can win the war!"
—HILLBILLY JIM







"What? Is Hillbilly Jim kidding me? How can ANYONE not notice me? Believe me, Phineas is STILL in love with me! Besides that, my boys won the match on their own! I wasn't even anywhere near the ring!"—SUNNY

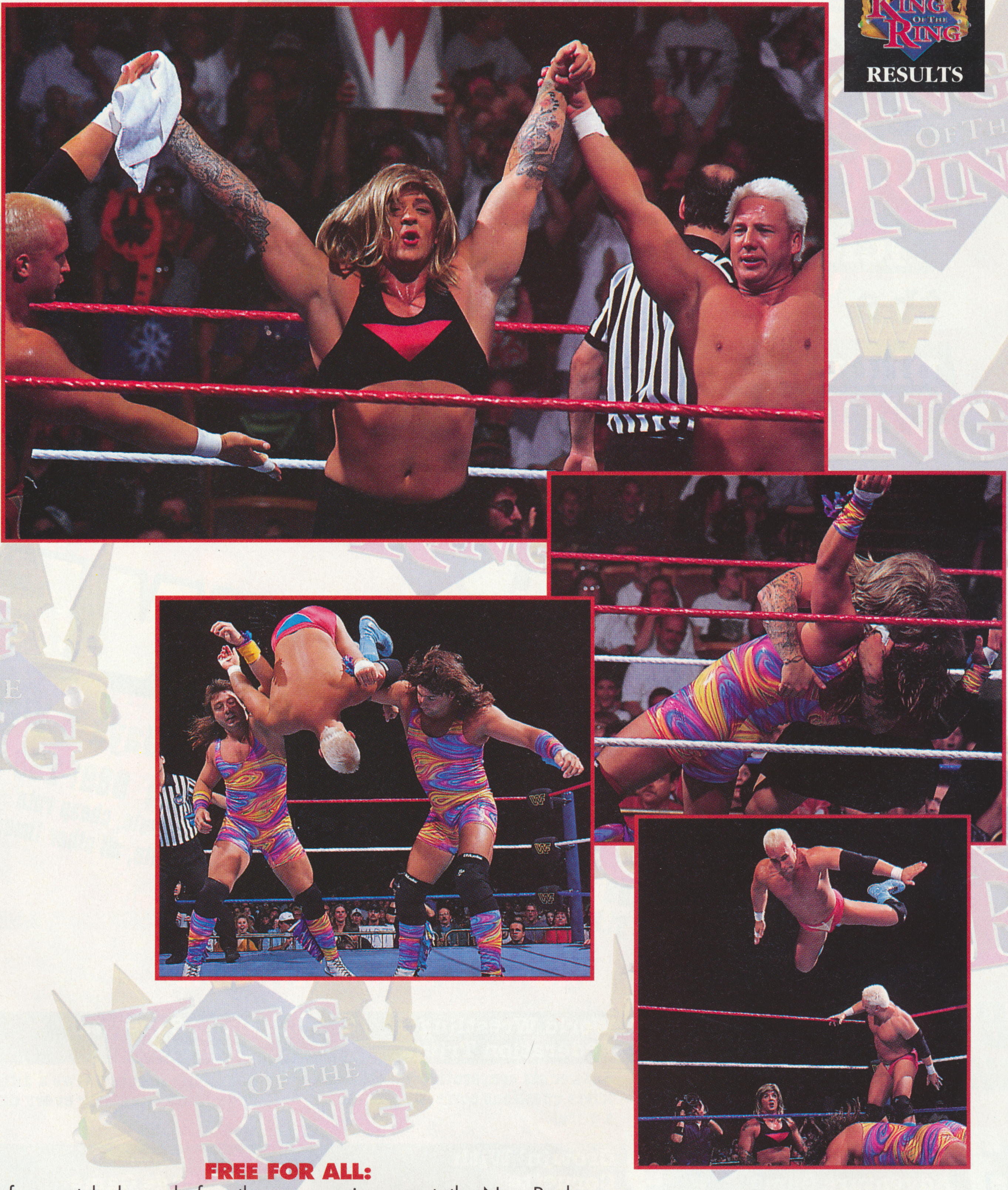
THE SMOKING GUNNS (WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS) VS. THE GODWINNS

Phineas I. Godwinn—or P.I.G.—came into this battle with a broken heart, still bitter over manager Sunny's betrayal when the Godwinns dropped the Tag Team Title to the Smoking Gunns, Billy and Bart, in May. Coming to his brother's defense, Henry O. Godwinn—or H.O.G.—menaced his adversaries with the slop bucket when Sunny strutted to ringside with the champs.

Shortly afterward, Phineas went into one of his "spells," unloading on both of his opponents with flailing fists. H.O.G. added to the onslaught, quick-tagging back and forth with his brother and wearing down Bart Gunn.

But when Henry tried running the ropes, Billy Gunn kicked him from the ring apron, allowing the Gunns to seize the advantage. Bart dropped the hillbilly across a knee, then held him there, applying pressure to the spine by pressing down on H.O.G.'s chest. Feeling confident, Bart ascended to the top rope and went for a flying legdrop, but Henry rolled out of the way and tagged Phineas.

All four men proceeded to brawl in the ring. The Gunns whipped the Godwinns toward each other, but the two locked arms, spun around and blasted their opponents. However, as Phineas turned to batter Billy in the corner, Bart smashed his foe with a boot from behind, then stepped back while Billy fell on top of the hillbilly for the victory.



FREE FOR ALL:

In a free match shown before the pay-per-view event, the New Rockers, Leif Cassidy and Marty Jannetty, squared off against the Body Donnas, Skip and Zip. The crowd was abuzz when the Body Donnas revealed their brawny, tattooed manager, Kloudi, a woman claiming to possess everything the tandem's former adviser, Sunny, lacked. The newcomer later played a decisive role in the match's outcome, planting a kiss on Cassidy, then slipping out of the ring while Skip schoolboyed the astonished Rocker for the pin.

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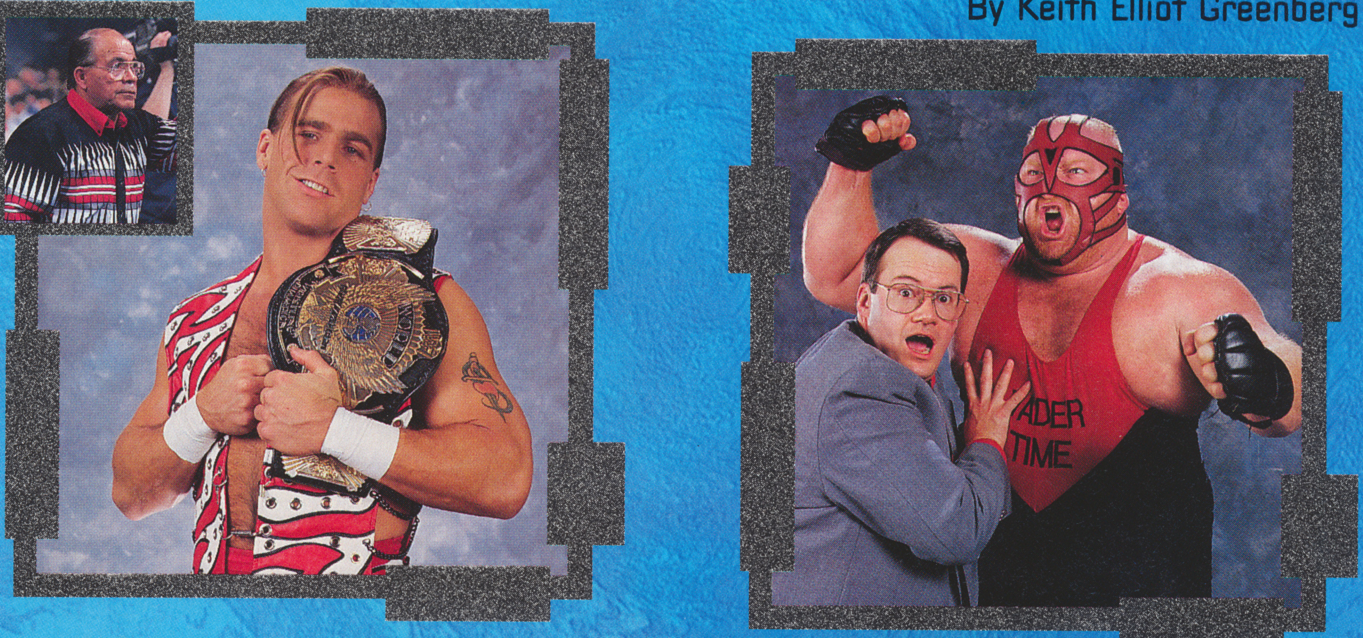


SHAWN MICHAELS VS. **VADER**
(WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION CHAMPION)

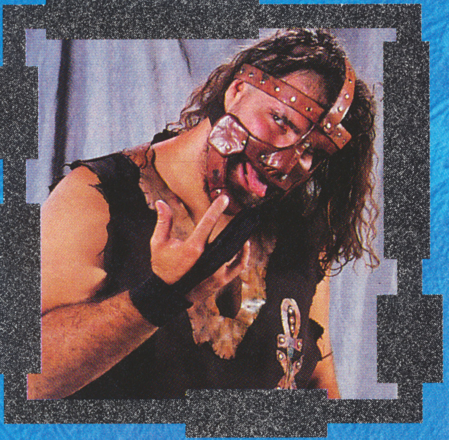
It can be argued that no grappler has been as disruptive a force in the World Wrestling Federation as Vader. The monster from the Rocky Mountains is infamous for his sneak attacks on unsuspecting competitors, absolute refusal to take orders from officials and now-legendary assault of World Wrestling Federation President Gorilla Monsoon.

But Vader's appetite for mayhem is insatiable. And at SummerSlam, he vows to take the ultimate prize in the sport of kings: the Federation Championship.

To accomplish that feat, he'll have to topple a man who is arguably the most popular World Wrestling Federation Champion ever, Shawn Michaels. With mentor José Lothario in his corner, The Heartbreak Kid is giving up a huge handicap to the British challenger. But thanks to the allegiance with his fans known as THE KLIQ, the titlist has a reputation as a giant slayer.

According to Michaels, the menacing contender will leave the arena strapless, a victim of the champion's punishing Sweet Chin Music.

But Vader promises to crunch his adversary with the deadly Vader Bomb, snaring the gold and continuing a reign of terror that intensifies with each passing day.



Boiler room Brawl

UNDERTAKER VS. MANKIND

The boiler room has always been Mankind's haven. There, the troubled wrestler would retreat from the "real world" and conceive his deranged plots to seek revenge on those he held responsible for his inner torment.

Mankind returns to the boiler room at SummerSlam. And this time, he's bringing the Undertaker with him. There, the two will battle wildly, using every available object in the room as a weapon.

For some demented reason, Mankind decided that he didn't like the Undertaker several months ago, and has done everything to make the Man from the Dark Side a bitter enemy. Initially, fans believed that Mankind was signing his death warrant. But, at the King of the Ring tournament, Mankind embarrassed the Undertaker, trapping him in the ghastly Mandible Claw after the Pale Warrior was accidentally clonked by manager Paul Bearer's urn.

Now, Undertaker must regain the prestige he lost at that contest. And he's willing to go into Mankind's treacherous chamber to do it.

AHMED JOHNSON
(WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION INTERCONTINENTAL CHAMPION)
VS. OWEN HART

Ahmed Johnson hadn't even enjoyed the first sip of champagne when bad news beckoned.

Johnson, the plain-talking powerhouse from Pearl River, Mississippi, was still accepting handshakes and high-fives in the dressing room after defeating Goldust for the World Wrestling Federation Intercontinental Championship. Suddenly, he peeked at the television monitor at the King of the Ring main event—and saw something that infuriated him.

Shawn Michaels, Ahmed's friend and occasional tag team partner, had just defeated the British Bulldog to retain the World Wrestling Federation heavyweight championship title. But, immediately after the bell, Owen Hart stormed the ring and helped the Bulldog pounce on the victor.

Incensed by the mugging, Ahmed raced into the ring to even the odds. Blows were exchanged—along with many nasty words—and now Hart's challenging Johnson for the belt.

Although Johnson clearly is the mightier of the two, Owen holds the edge in both ring savvy and experience. But the first African-American Intercontinental titlist in history is proud of his trophy, and committed to thrashing his cocky adversary.

WILDMAN MARC MERO VS. GOLDUST

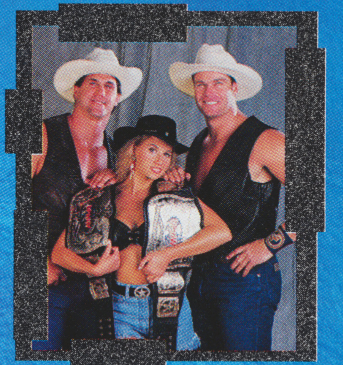
Goldust's curious mind games continue.

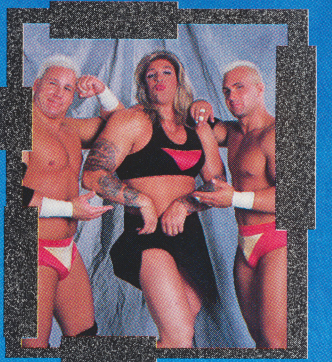
Prior to dropping the World Wrestling Federation Intercontinental strap to Ahmed Johnson at King of the Ring, the Flamboyant One appeared to be enamored with his fellow athletes, slithering suggestively over their bodies and—in one unforgettable incident—administering a different type of "mouth to mouth" to an unconscious competitor.

Once he lost the title, Goldust's demeanor changed. In the ring, he forgot about relishing his foes, and concentrated on punishing them. But then, his "director" Marlena picked up where Goldust left off, obsessing on Wildman Marc Mero's gorgeous valet, Sable.

Now, Mero's fired up, and pledging to take out his rage on Goldust. The newcomer's been soaring in the World Wrestling Federation lately. But those in the know are wondering whether Goldust will temper that momentum, using the psychological card to lure the Wildman into a gold-trimmed trap.

four team elimination match





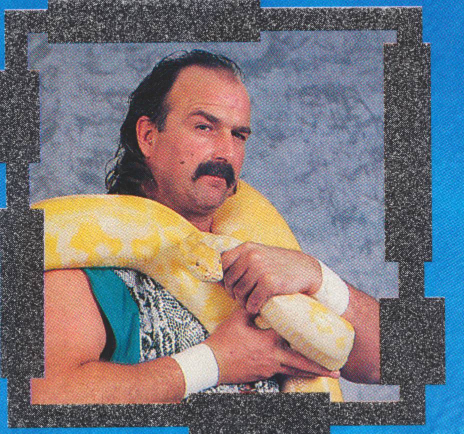
SMOKIN' GUNNS
(WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS)
VS. BODY DONNAS VS. GODWINNS VS. NEW ROCKERS

This unique match will feature four of the World Wrestling Federation's leading tag teams, each situated in a different corner of the ring. In essence, champions Billy and Bart Gunn are defending their straps against three squads: Henry O. Godwinn and Phineas I. Godwinn (also known respectively by their initials HOG and PIG), Zip and Skip of the Body Donnas, and New Rockers Marty Jannetty and Leif Cassidy.

The rules allow the battlers in the ring to tag out to any corner they choose. When one man is pinned, his partner is automatically eliminated. And the last surviving tandem goes home with the World Wrestling Federation tag team belts.

The Body Donnas initially lost the championship to the Godwinns, who dropped the prize to the Gunns shortly afterwards. The common thread in each reign is the curvaceous Sunny, who happened to be managing each team when they won the title, moving from one winner to the next.

Phineas Godwinn is definitely over a broken heart, as a result of Sunny's betrayal. And the Body Donnas' new manager, the gruff, tattooed Kloudi, promises to counteract Sunny's presence, and add a good deal of color to this already intriguing clash.



JAKE "THE SNAKE" ROBERTS

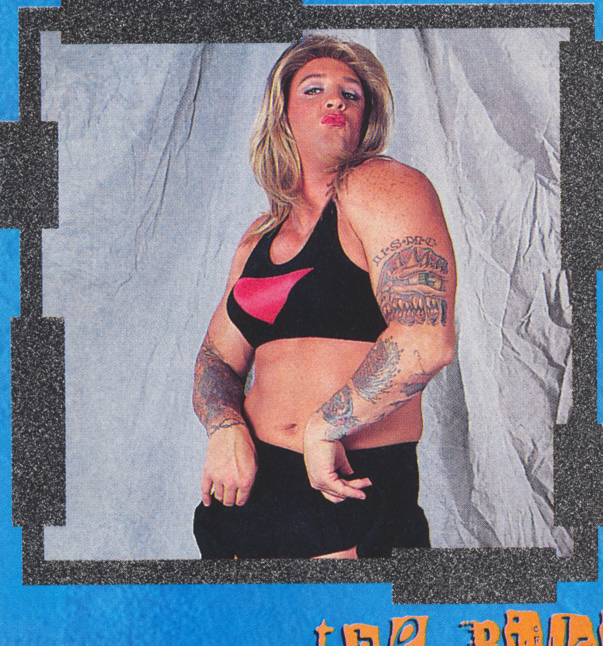
VS. JERRY "THE KING" LAWLER

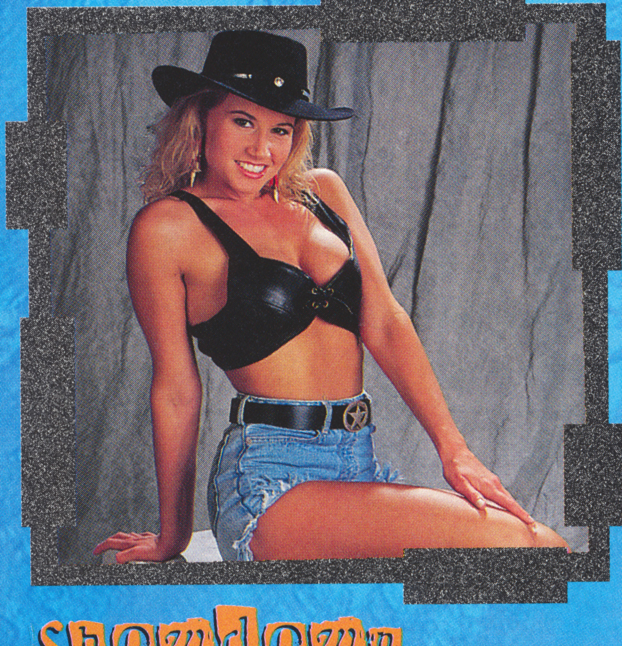
Once again, Jerry "The King" Lawler's mouth has gotten him pulled into the war zone.

This time, the recipient of Lawler's gibes was rugged veteran Jake "The Snake" Roberts. The two were seated side by side at the announcer's table, when Lawler unleashed a flurry of insults at the serpent of the squared circle. But Roberts has never been feeble at throwing verbal jabs, and soon Lawler was so flustered that he slapped the master of the DDT.

Lawler had crossed the line from rhetoric to warfare, and Roberts was happy to fire the next volley, choking down the self-proclaimed "King" on the announcer's table. Enter the unpredictable Mankind, who swooped on Roberts and tortured him with the Mandible Claw.

Jake recovered and desperately wants Lawler. The Snake knows how to play Lawler's game, confusing an opponent in the heat of a confrontation and bending the rules. Lawler may rely on unscrupulous allies like Mankind to come to his aid, but Roberts is almost certain to unleash his pet reptile, Revelations, on the brash bad boy from Memphis.





the Bikini Showdown

KLOUDI VS. SUNNY

No one ever said there was an exact "mold" for any woman to fit when it came to beauty! Being two distinctly "different" women, both Sunny and Kloudi are sure to turn some heads at their bikini contest at SummerSlam! Both women are picking out the best swimsuits they can find... one to hide her tan lines, the other to hide some tattoos! Skimpy? You'll learn the new meaning of THIS word when these two gals step into the ring and show off the skin!

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Commentary By Vince Russo

"Hey, Vince! When are you gonna write about me in that magazine? You write about all those other jabrones, but you never write about me! What do I have to do to get into your precious magazine? Kill somebody? Rob a bank? Change my name to BRET?!"

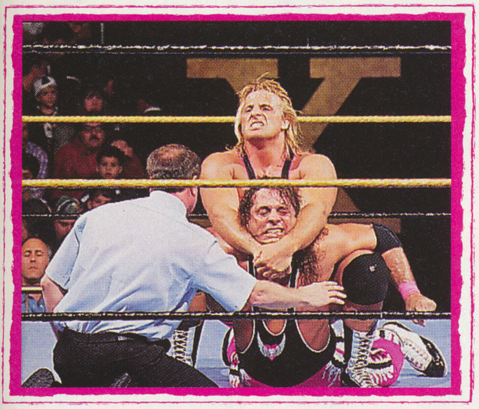
It's always the same old story. As a matter of fact, it's become a ritual. There's no avoiding him. At every World Wrestling Federation three-day pay-per-view/television taping excursion, he's there. Up close and personal, RIGHT IN MY FACE! The "Forgotten Child" Owen Hart.

"Forget the cover, right, Vince?! That's only for the BIG names! The SUPERSTARS! The guys like SHAWN MICHAELS! Did I say Shawn Michaels? Isn't that the same guy whose career I almost ended?!"

And, on, and on, and on and on.

Well, Owen Hart, here you have it! An entire article dedicated to the most "MISUNDERSTOOD" (that's your description, not mine) superstar perhaps in the HISTORY of the World Wrestling Federation. No, the pressure didn't get to me. The only reason I haven't written about you sooner is because I've been waiting for you to do something! The truth is that you can either hide behind the banner of UNDERRATED for the rest of your life or step up to the plate—rid yourself of the demons—AND DELIVER THE GOODS! The choice is yours!

I'll never forget *WrestleMania X*. For openers, it was my first Federation pay-per-view as the editor of this magazine, however—and more importantly—for witnessing what was truly a "historic" moment in World Wrestling Federation history! No, not the ladder match but the night that brother Owen shocked the sports-entertainment world and defeated brother Bret. The Underdog had overcome all the odds, and he had won—won BIG! Pinned his older brother's shoulders to the mat—SMACK in the



middle of the ring—NO EXCUSES! Owen literally had to wrestle the match of his life to do it, and HE DID! After years of frustration he had FINALLY put himself on the "BIG TIME" map!

DERRATED...or...IMMATURE?

That is the question!

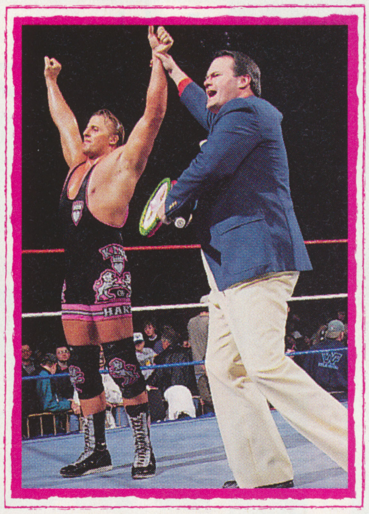
Following the match, I personally went to Owen's locker room to congratulate him. To my surprise, I didn't find the brash, arrogant, cocky brat that we had all come to know and love but rather a more humble, more mature Owen Hart. Quite frankly, at the time I don't believe that the victory had even set in yet. He came across as if not even HE could believe what had just taken place. But, the harsh reality was... it DID. Like a gentleman Owen shook my hand, and I went on my merry way.

From there, the "Rocket" soon soared to much greater heights. He captured the *King of the Ring* in 1994 (thus becoming the King of Harts), and then, with his partner Yokozuna by his side, Owen went on to become one-half of the World Wrestling Federation Tag Team Champions at *WrestleMania XI*. In my opinion, Owen was only clawing at the surface. With his youth, drive and talent, I believed that he would one day—NO DOUBT—achieve the same triple crown status as brother Bret.

Unfortunately, something happened along the way. Perhaps, somebody slapped him upside the head with aluminum and cat gut!!!

This isn't an opinion—it's a FACT: James E. Cornette killed the career of Owen Hart. Took out a shotgun and blasted it right between the eyes. Drove his Chevrolet station wagon over it—backed it up—then ran over it again. He first brainwashed Owen Hart into thinking that Yokozuna was foe, not friend, and from there it was a straight nose dive. But the "Walking Eyesore" isn't the only one to blame. The K-9 didn't help either. What good has the British Bulldog—his brother-in-law—done for the career of Owen Hart? Owen spent two months in the corner of Davey Boy during his feud with Shawn Michaels, and where did that get him? NOWHERE! What was his gain? NOTHING! Why did he do it? YOU'RE ASKING THE WRONG GUY!!!

Yes, Owen Hart, you are UNDERRATED. However, and even MORE SO, you are IMMATURE!!! You allowed yourself to have your career guided by a social misfit who dresses in the dark and hasn't been in touch with the real world since the Miracle Mets of '69!!! Your biggest achievement in life during the past year is bagging a Slammy, for cryin' out loud!!! If you want respect, then maybe you should think about earning it! For starters, try BURNIN' DOWN THE CAMP!!! From there, hire a lawyer to FIRE THE LAWYER!!! Clarence Mason couldn't even settle the case of the MISSING SWEAT SOCK!!!You don't need these "jabrones" spewing poisonous venom in your ear. Telling you what to do, where to do it, and at what time! I mean, what are you—WOOD?! None of these deviants brought you to the dance; *WRESTLEMANIA X* did! Where was Jim Cornette when you were sweating blood for all those years as a teenager locked in Stu's dungeon? At the 7-11 throwing down Big Gulps and inhaling Ding-Dongs?! Oh, I'm sorry, maybe he WAS working out. It's hell on the biceps when you curl that WHOPPER to the mouth for sooooooooo many repetitions!!!



Get a clue, Owen! Wake up and smell those mountain-grown Folgers' crystals! If you want me to write about you in my "precious" magazine, then you have to GIVE ME SOMETHING TO WRITE ABOUT!!!

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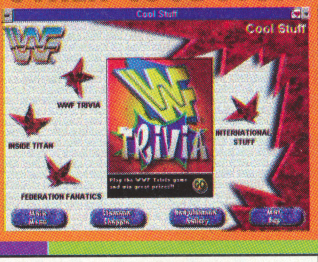
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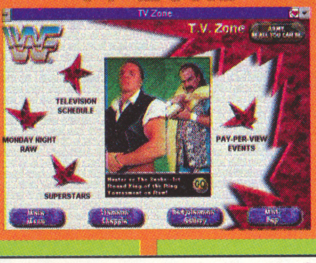
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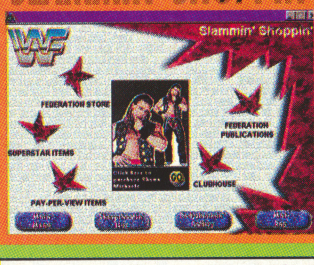
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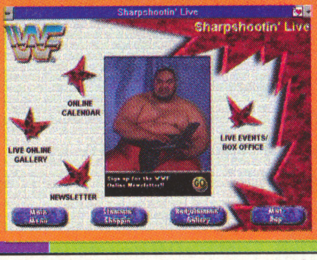
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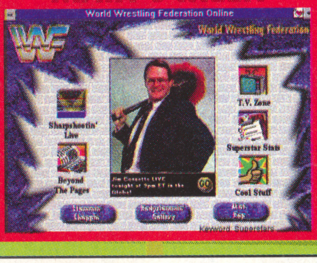
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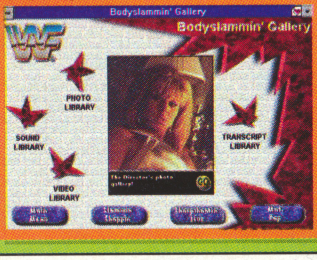
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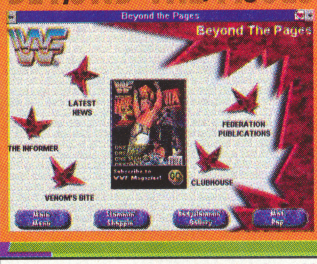
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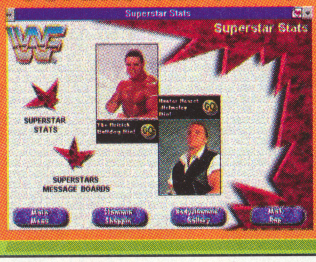
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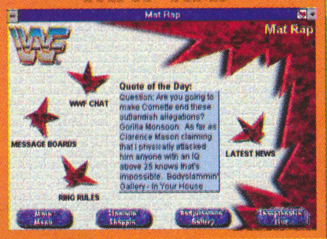
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THE INFORMER

You name them, and they have the checkbook out! With "Time Bomb" BRIAN PILLMAN scheduled to make his World Wrestling Federation debut sometime in September, every manager that the Federation has to offer is vying for his services. As of press time, the odds-on favorite to win the bidding war is either JAMES E. CORNETTE or, of course, SUNNY. Who will win the PILLMAN sweepstakes, you ask? The answer is simple, and yes, I, the Informer, know the answer—NOBODY! At his contract signing, PILLMAN promised to do "what HE wants, when HE wants to," and believe me, that's exactly what he plans on doing!... A former World Wrestling Federation superstar who once wore gold visited Titan Tower a few weeks ago to discuss a possible comeback. Even though this individual has been out of the squared circle scene for quite some time, I express that his addition would be a valuable one... How long will it be before World Wrestling Federation Champion SHAWN MICHAELS and ex-Federation Champion the ULTIMATE WARRIOR cross paths? Sources tell me that even though the suits at TitanSports are trying desperately to avoid what could be perhaps the biggest match in the history of sports-entertainment, they also realize that before too long, the fans are going to be SCREAMING for it! Is it going to happen? The INFORMER says—YES, INDEED! When? That is yet to be seen, but it would be a beaut to headline WrestleMania XIII, wouldn't it?!... Here's an eyebrow-raiser: Rumors are circulating heavily throughout the Federation that a certain individual—who has a very prominent role IN FRONT of the camera—is contemplating stepping between the ropes! And, believe me, the INFORMER, it's not who you think it is!... Following SummerSlam, look for OWEN HART and the BRITISH BULLDOG to team up on a more regular basis... AND, speaking of tag teams, my informants inform me, the INFORMER, that an "odd couple" of sorts is seriously considering becoming a "pair" in the ranks of the World Wrestling Federation. Now, this dangerous duo might be "demented," and they might be "bizarre," but believe you me, they would make opponents' lives miserable!... Even though I don't usually make a habit of doing this, I, the INFORMER, am about to make a bold prediction. By the end of 1996, STONE COLD STEVE AUSTIN will be wearing Federation gold... I don't trust HARVEY WIPPLEMAN. DO YOU?... Who is VIC VENOM? His identity may be revealed sooner than you think!... In the "believe it or not" department, New Rocker LEIF CASSIDY was actually contemplating taking the summer off in order to work as a full-time roadie for his favorite band, the MONKEES. Even though LEIF considered the offer as the "opportunity of a lifetime," he felt it was more important for him and partner MARTY JANNETTY to continue to pursue the Federation Tag Team Title... Where is YOKOZUNA? You won't have to ask that question too much longer!.. Until next time... (For a more in-depth report from the INFORMER and yet even more juicy gossip, be sure to read INFORMER—CONFIDENTIAL in this month's issue of WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION RAW!!!)

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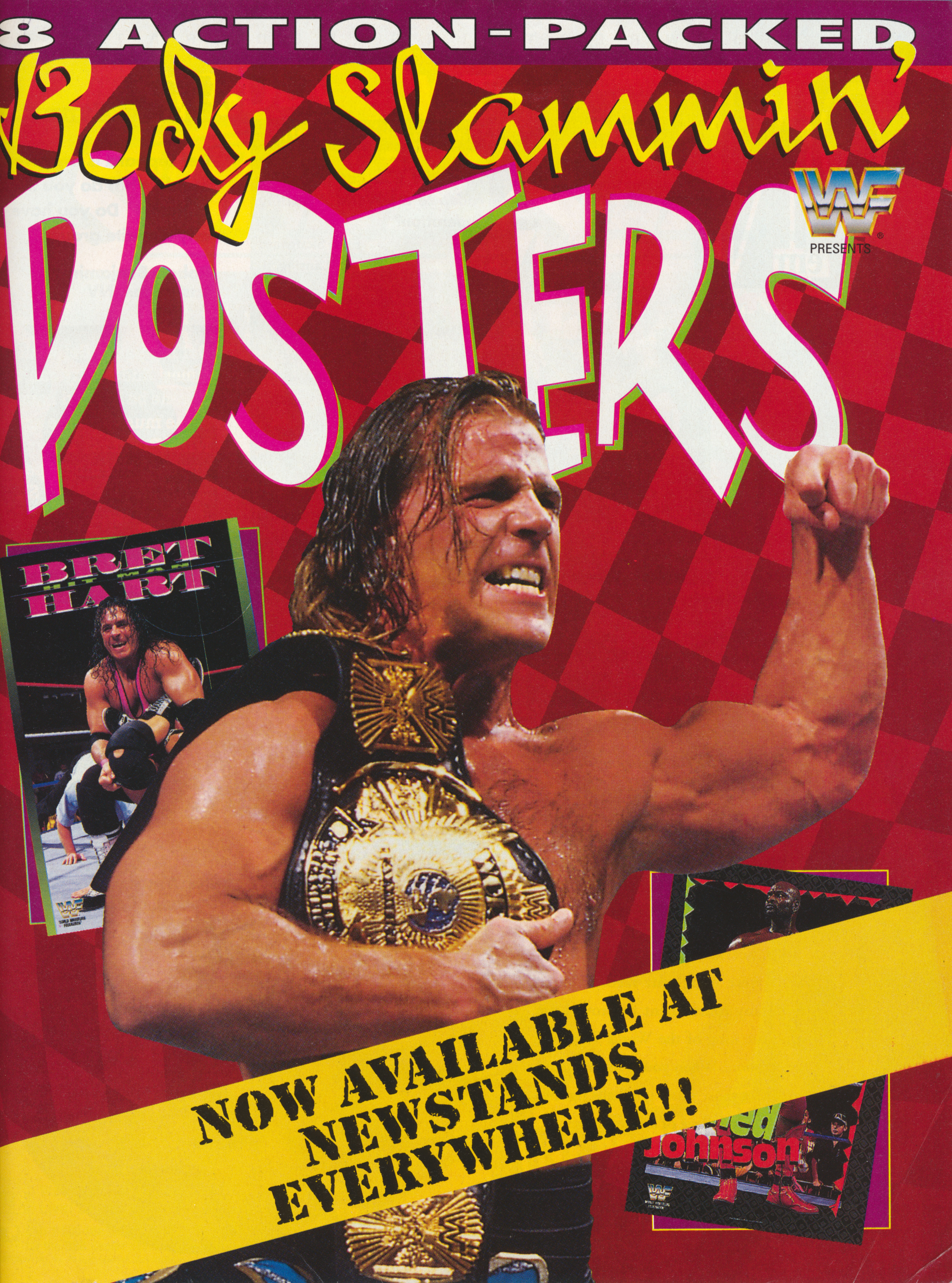
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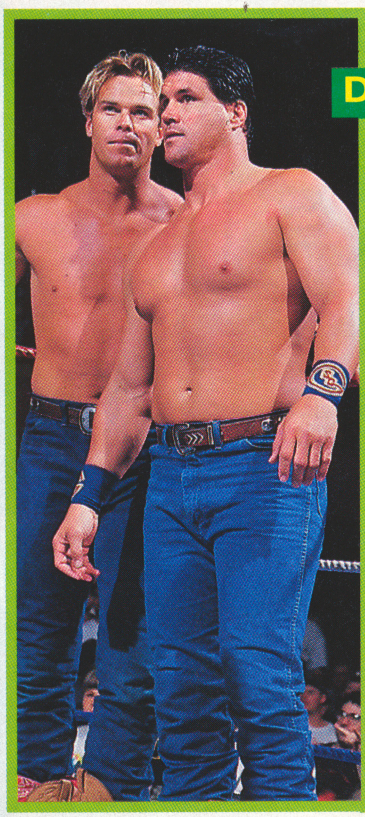


Dear Smoking Gunns,

How did you get from the rodeo to the World Wrestling Federation?

Fred Skafgaard
Lansing, IL

Billy: Rodeo? Gives us a break, partner! We're cowboys not rodeo riders! After years of roping and pinning the biggest cattle in Texas, what better place to go than the World Wrestling Federation to take down the biggest steers around?

Bart: And now that Sunny is two-steppin' by our side, we'll all be riding off into the sunset with the Federation Tag Team Title!

Dear Marty Jannetty,

Def Leppard is my favorite band. What do you think of them? Do you have any favorite groups?

Robert Benjamin Jr.
Las Vegas, NV

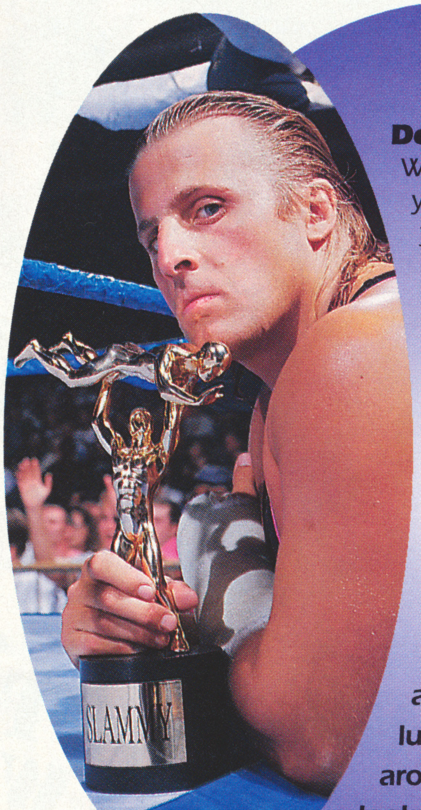
Def Leppard? Get with the times, dude! Why can't everyone be hip and have the same musical taste as the NEW Rockers? Doesn't anyone remember the Electric Slide anymore? Shawn used to listen to Def Leppard all the time! That's one of the reasons that I go rid of him!

Dear Jerry Lawler,

If you think you're such a king, why haven't you participated in any of the past King of the Ring tournaments?

Bradley Talbot
Maclean, Australia

How could you ask such a question? Weren't you the one who tried planting Cheerios because you thought they were doughnut seeds? I don't need any tournament to prove I am the true king of the World Wrestling Federation! When you're royalty like I am, I let those other goofballs fight to have the privilege of losing to me!

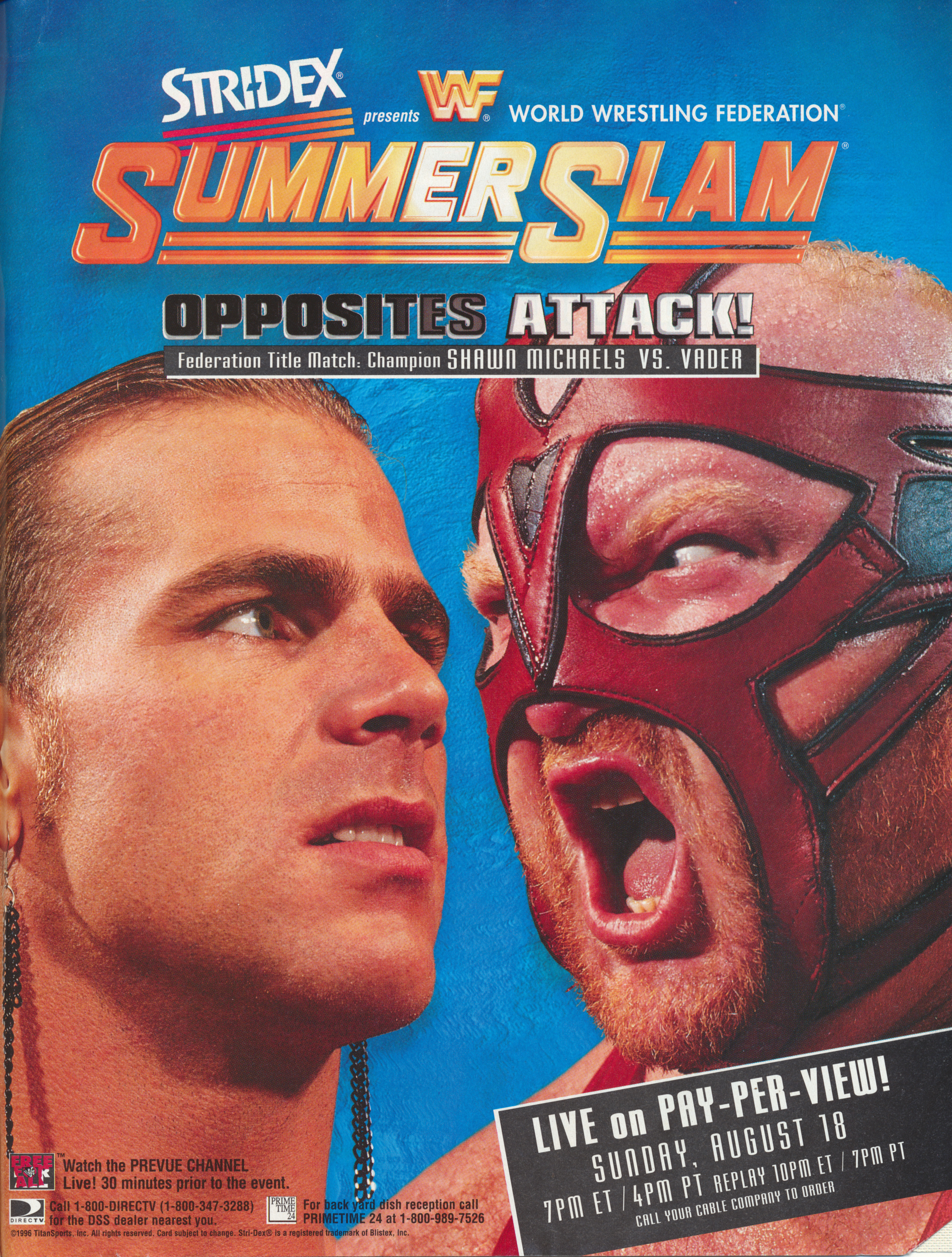


Dear Owen Hart,

Why do you always carry your Slammy Award with you wherever you go? Don't you ever get tired of lugging it into the ring?

Brian Maslar
Stratford, CT

Tired? I NEVER get tired of showing the world who the best Hart is! You're just jealous because you can't win a Slammy! If anything, I got tired of lugging my family around! A gold Slammy looks a lot better than Bret any day!



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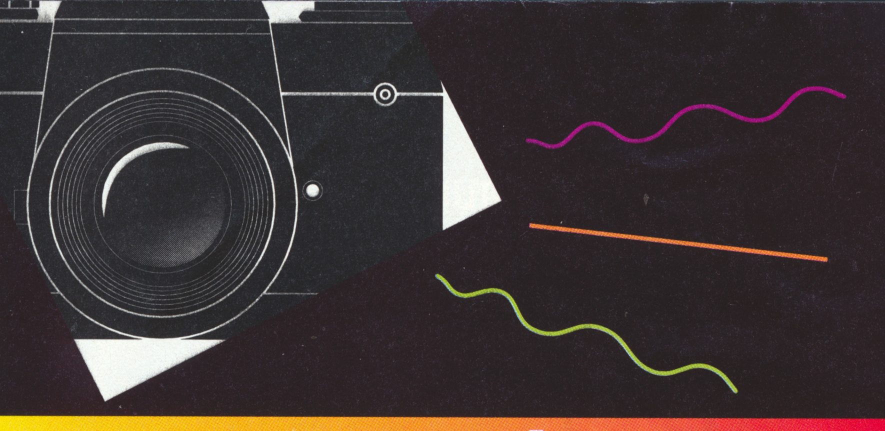

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PHOTOS BY JIM SULLEY

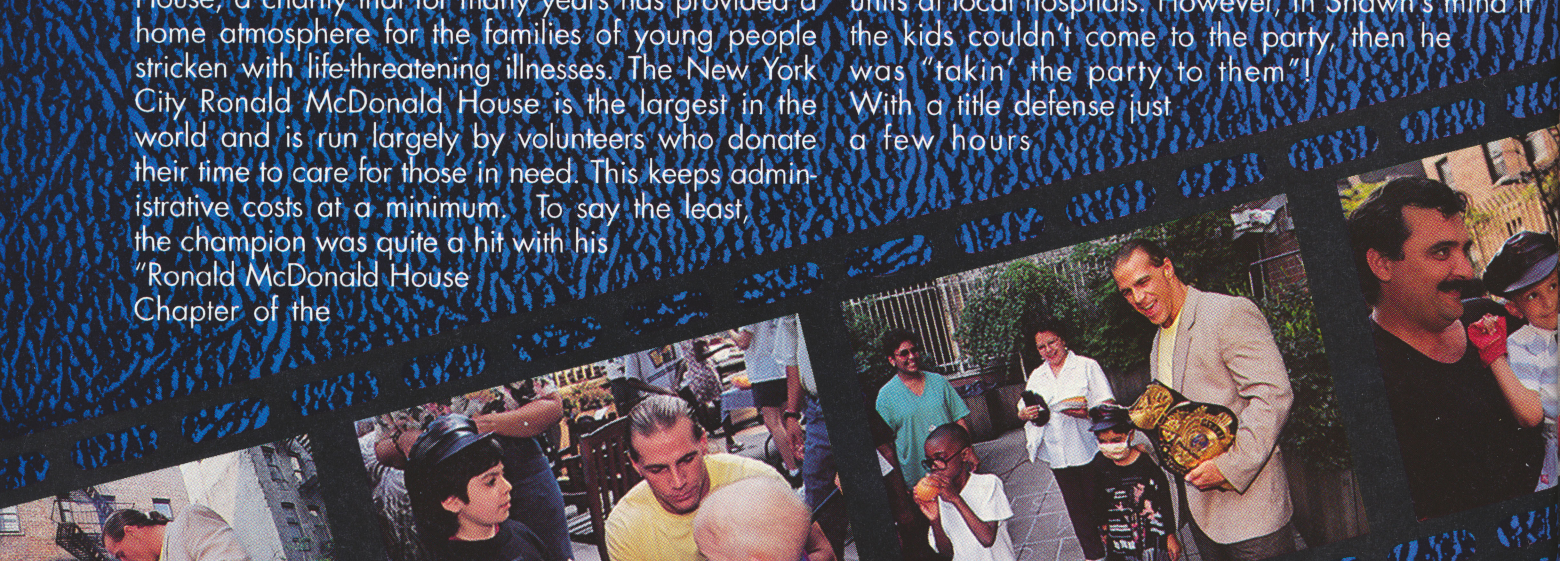
Shawn Michaels has always been a lionheart when it comes to the ranks of the World Wrestling Federation. However, on May 19, the Heartbreak Kid had the pleasure of meeting a family of children whose hearts are bigger than any he could have ever imagined.

Shortly before he was set to defend his Federation Title at Madison Square Garden, Michaels visited the local New York chapter of the Ronald McDonald House, a charity that for many years has provided a home atmosphere for the families of young people stricken with life-threatening illnesses. The New York City Ronald McDonald House is the largest in the world and is run largely by volunteers who donate their time to care for those in need. This keeps administrative costs at a minimum. To say the least, the champion was quite a hit with his "Ronald McDonald House Chapter of the Kliq"! Having the time of their lives, Shawn and the children of the house enjoyed a rooftop party with hamburgers, hot dogs and PLENTY of Shawn Michaels' autographs! MANY of the children were even dressed like Shawn from head to toe! The glasses, the earrings, the shirts...there were scores and scores of Kliqsters! Even some from as far away as Pakistan and Greece!

After saying a good-bye to all his new friends at the Ronald McDonald House, Shawn was saddened to hear that two of the patients from the House were unable to make it to the party because they were too ill and being treated in intensive care units at local hospitals. However, in Shawn's mind if the kids couldn't come to the party, then he was "takin' the party to them"! With a title defense just a few hours away, the Heartbreak Kid jumped in his limo, and bee-lined it to the hospital! Shawn was intent on brightening the day for these two children no matter what the cost, even if it meant being late for his match!

"They're fighting a battle much greater than any war I will ever face in the ring," Michaels said.

Although McDonalds restaurants are the main sponsors of the Ronald McDonald Houses in the U.S.,



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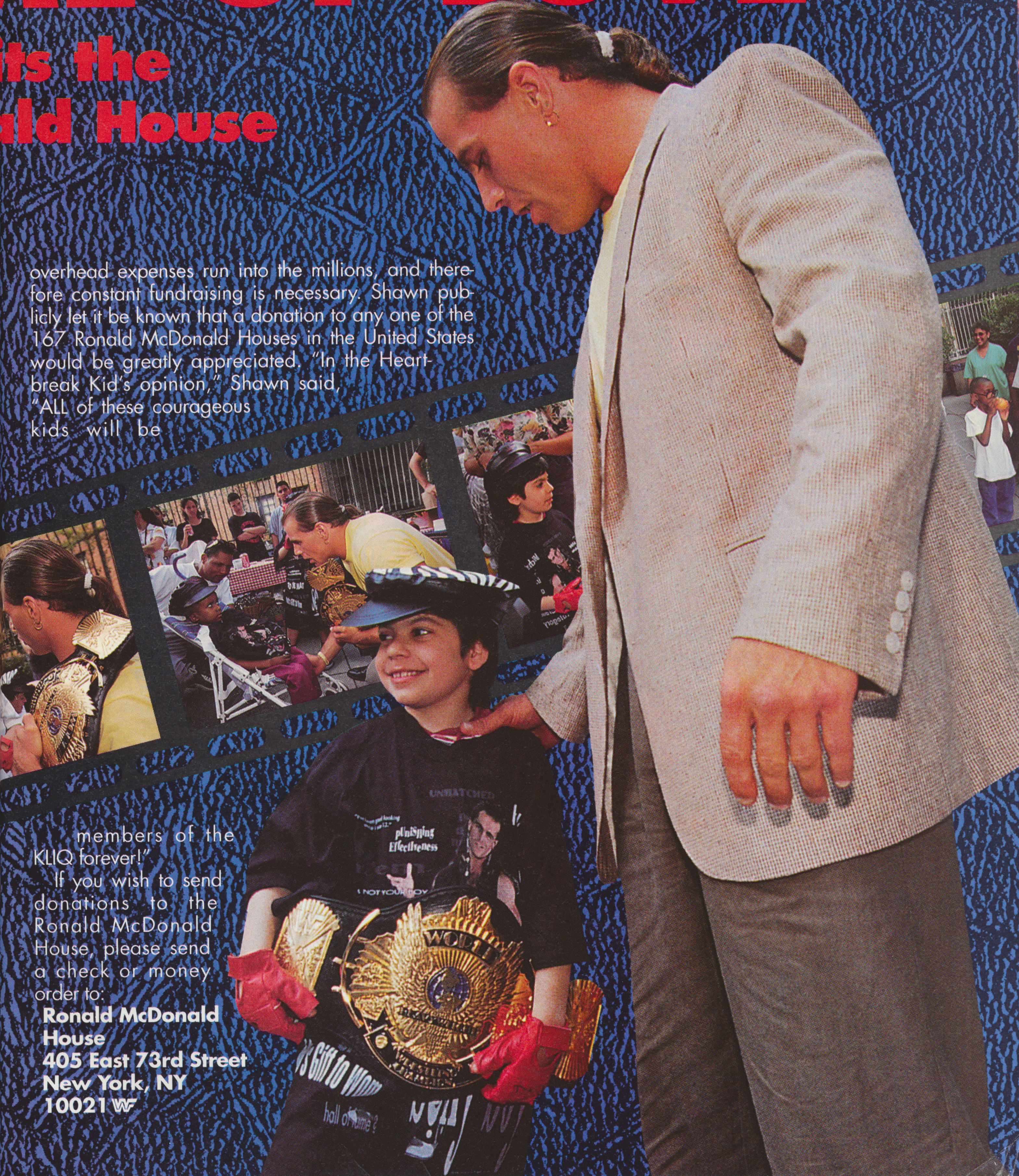
overhead expenses run into the millions, and therefore constant fundraising is necessary. Shawn publicly let it be known that a donation to any one of the 167 Ronald McDonald Houses in the United States would be greatly appreciated. "In the Heartbreak Kid's opinion," Shawn said, "ALL of these courageous kids will be members of the KLIQ forever!"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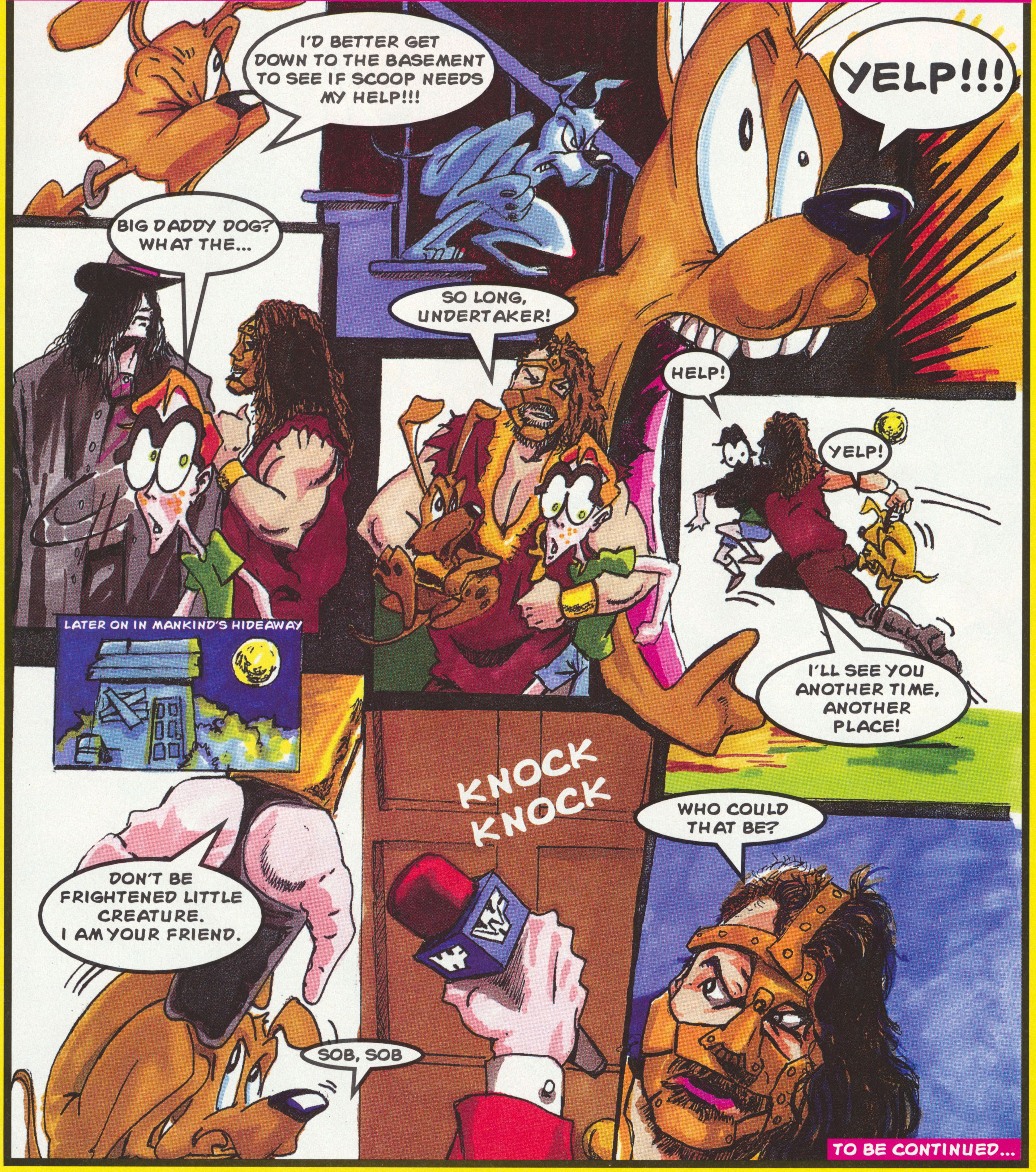
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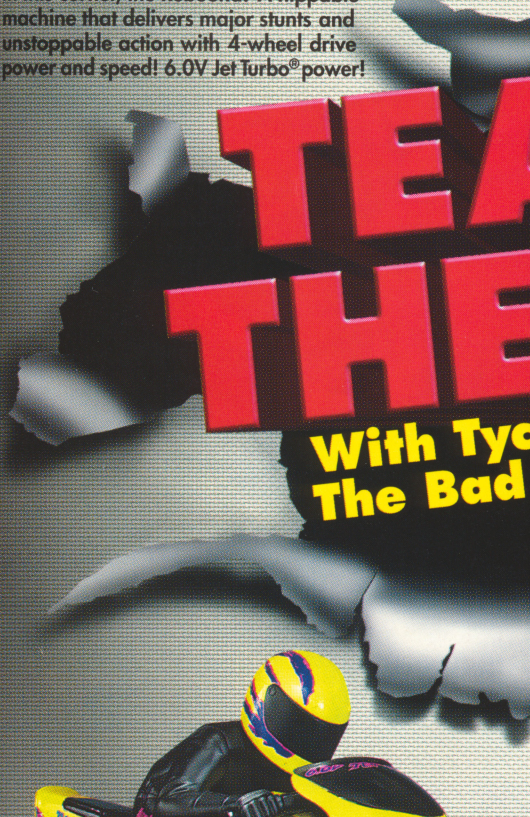
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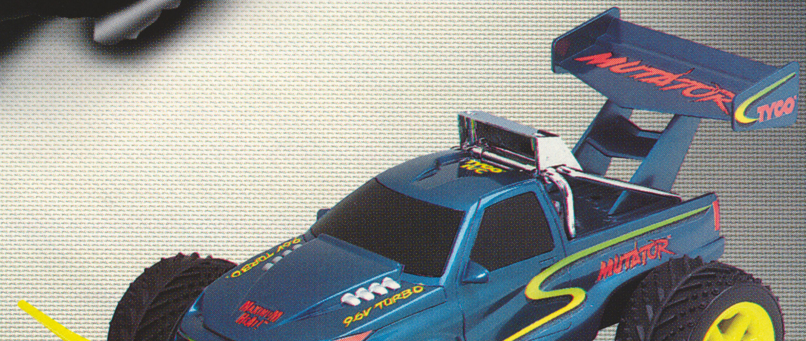
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